

# SECURE Health Act

## Strengthening Capacity for Unified Response and Excellence in Health Act

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**Frontline Health Workers** are at the last mile delivering services and connecting communities worldwide to health systems. Most frontline health workers are women from the very communities they serve, reaching vulnerable patients with life-saving services, basic health care, and health education. With nearly half the world lacking access to critical health services and a projected shortfall of 11 million health workers by 2030, the need for well-trained frontline health workers is urgent. These workers often serve as the only access to care for millions, and their contributions are critical to identifying and stopping disease outbreaks, promoting economic productivity, strengthening global health security, and so much more.



Investing in frontline health workers offers a potential **9:1** return on economic growth for every dollar invested

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The bipartisan **SECURE Health Act** would increase **global health security**, create more **stable societies**, and **save lives**. By clarifying and focusing U.S. support for frontline health workers and increasing transparency, accountability, efficiency, and high return on US global health workforce investments, the **SECURE Health Act** would:

- Pursue the expansion, training, payment, support, equipping, and protection of the frontline global health workforce to help address the global shortage of health workers
- Integrate health worker investments to reduce single-disease investments and improve efficiency
- Ensure sustainability of fair pay for health workers by requiring host country contributions and transitioning salary support to domestic financing
- Establish, implement, and regularly revise a measurable 5-year Global Health Workforce Strategy supporting health workers across all USG investments in health
- Establish a Global Health Workforce Coordinator and appoint an existing senior official to the role overseeing strategy implementation and resource allocation
- Create an Interagency Task Force to coordinate and oversee implementation and ensure alignment of global health investments across U.S. agencies
- Define annual reporting requirements and support a biyearly independent global report on Global Health Workforce funding, training, salaries, employment, and protection

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