

FHWC Calls on Congress to Bolster Health Workforce with the SECURE Health Act

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Frontline Health Workers Coalition Urges Passage of the SECURE Health Act to Protect and Strengthen the Global Health Workforce

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Frontline Health Workers Coalition strongly urge Congress to support and pass the Strengthening and Expanding Capacity for Unified Response and Excellence in Health (SECURE Health) Act, introduced by Representatives Jen Kiggans (R-VA-2) and Ami Bera (D-CA-6), who are themselves former health workers.

The SECURE Health Act calls for a more coordinated and targeted approach to supporting health workers, and optimizing U.S. investments in global health across health and humanitarian programs. A strong, well-supported health workforce is a strategic asset for the United States and its partners, advancing global health security, responding to emergencies and enabling more stable and productive societies, and saving lives.

"There is no health without health workers. They are the backbone of health systems in the U.S. and in other parts of the world" said Tina Flores, Executive Director, Frontline Health Workers Coalition. "Investments in the health workforce will advance health, strengthen efforts against epidemic threats, and promote a more resilient global economy."

The legislation promotes a strategic approach to U.S. investments in the global health workforce, recognizing that protecting and supporting health workers is one of the most effective ways to prevent disease outbreaks and drive long-term prosperity.

The **SECURE Health Act** represents a high-impact, cost-effective strategy to save lives, protect U.S. health security, and promote economic growth and innovation worldwide.

"Around the world, health workers are on the frontlines healing their neighbors and protecting us all. By mitigating health risks, managing disease outbreaks, and responding to crises – health workers defend communities near and far. However, 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 and supported frontline health workers is urgent," said Jed Meline, Project HOPE's Vice President of Policy and Advocacy. "The SECURE Health Act provides the U.S. with a government-wide global health workforce strategy ensuring the U.S. investment in health workers provides as much protection as possible."

The full text of the resolution is available [here](#). Download the [fact sheet](#).

The following [organizations](#) have endorsed the resolution. For more information or to endorse, [contact](#) the Policy Working Group.

The Frontline Health Worker Coalition is a pioneering global alliance, bringing together a diverse, international network to drive meaningful change and empower the backbone of global health. A pivotal link to policymakers, the private sector, and health workers to drive real, lasting solutions, our vision is that every community should have access to all cadres of trained, compensated, safe and supported health workers who are able to provide quality health services, strengthen global health security, address noncommunicable diseases, and respond to emergencies.

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