**Please email your MP about the Global TB Caucus**

It is always best to add one or two of your own sentences – this will make your MP more likely to take notice of your email. It can be about your own experience of or interest in TB, or why you think your MP should be concerned about ending TB. Then copy and paste your message into an email and send it to your MP, whose [email address you can find here](http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/). Thank you!

Dear [name of your MP],

I am writing as your constituent to ask you to join the Global TB Caucus and sign the [Barcelona Declaration](http://stoptb.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=85207b84f0f2d8ddc9bd878de&id=7d8a924b14&e=5516e6d11e), a global call to action committing parliamentarians to take political leadership to secure an end to the tuberculosis epidemic within a generation.

The declaration highlights how tuberculosis is still causing 1.5 million deaths each year. Progress in developing new drugs, diagnostics and vaccines to fight the disease is much too slow – in fact the BCG vaccine, which offers very limited protection, is nearly 100 years old. What little progress has been made is under threat from drug-resistance and dual epidemics such as TB/HIV co-infection.

The Global TB Caucus was launched at the 45th World Conference on Lung Health last October which brought together parliamentarians from around the world, with the UK’s All Party Parliamentary Group on Global TB playing a prominent role.  
   
The parliamentarians made a powerful statement through their endorsement of the Barcelona Declaration. The response has been a huge success with nearly 400 parliamentarians signed up from 50 countries (see the list [here](http://stoptb.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=85207b84f0f2d8ddc9bd878de&id=de67e59403&e=4e0a5c9663)).    
  
In the run up to the November 2015 meeting of the Global TB Caucus in Cape Town, this an excellent time to strengthen international parliamentary support in the fight against TB through the Barcelona Declaration. I am therefore asking you to endorse the declaration by electronically [signing here](http://stoptb.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=85207b84f0f2d8ddc9bd878de&id=64a5bcf947&e=4e0a5c9663). 

With kind regards,

[Your name]

[Your address – this is important so your MP knows you are his/her constituent]