



SAMPLE Letter to the Editor*

Shockingly, pneumonia kills more children under the age of five than AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined. Pneumonia is the leading cause of preventable child deaths worldwide killing 1.3 million children a year. Ninety-nine percent of these deaths occur in developing countries often in the poorest and hardest to reach areas.

In June, the US committed to ending preventable child deaths by 2035. We must tackle pneumonia as part of an integrated health strategy to decrease child mortality. By expanding access to vaccines, emphasizing good nutrition and sanitation practices, providing access to treatment, and training health workers to diagnose and treat the disease – we can make great strides in preventing and treating pneumonia and saving lives.

November 12 is the annual World Pneumonia Day to build support for fighting this disease. To show their commitment, our elected officials should prioritize resources for child health to fight pneumonia and to save lives.

**US Sample Letter. Can be adapted as needed.*



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