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Dear Julio Arguello,

AMCHP is pleased to share that USA TODAY published a letter to the editor written by AMCHP CEO Michael Fraser, PhD CAE, concerning infant mortality and proposed cuts to the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and other MCH programs (“Support Funding for Prevention,” click [here](#)). The letter was in response to a set of USA TODAY editorials published last week on the United States’ international ranking on infant mortality (“No excuse for U.S. infant mortality ranking,” click [here](#)).

To build on the momentum of this national conversation you might want to consider submitting your comments on the issue and efforts in which your state is engaged to address this important measure of maternal and child health on the USA TODAY webpage which provides the opportunity for comments and responses (add your comments [here](#)).

You may also want to share these links with your agency’s public affairs staff and consider a similar conversation with your local newspapers, based on the material in both the Op-Ed piece and the AMCHP letter to the editor.

Thank you for your support of AMCHP!

Full URL are listed below:

Letter to the Editor: “Support funding for prevention” available at:
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/letters/story/2011-10-10/infant-mortality/50721970/1>

Editorial: “No excuse for U. S. infant mortality ranking” available at:
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/story/2011-10-03/infant-mortality-ranking-US-41st/50647658/1>