



July 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

***Re: Saving HIV funding and saving lives in FY25 appropriations***

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

The undersigned **194** organizations urge you to protect and expand essential domestic funding for HIV care, treatment, and prevention. **Specifically, we are asking you to do everything in your power to reject proposed cuts to HIV programming in the FY25 House LHHS appropriations bill and instead work to expand HIV funding levels. We also request that you support and expand HOPWA funding in the FY25 THUD bill.**

The House LHHS appropriations subcommittee has proposed extreme cuts of hundreds of millions of dollars to HIV programs for FY25, threatening to eliminate the bipartisan Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative, slashing essential funding for the Ryan White program that ensures the health and well-being of people living with HIV in communities across the country, and cutting funds from the Minority AIDS Initiative that works to address HIV-related health disparities.

These threats to critical HIV services are unacceptable. Federal funding has supported treatment access for at least half a million Americans living with HIV, contributing to a 25% decline in HIV-related deaths between 2018 and 2022. Domestic HIV prevention efforts have accelerated with President Barack Obama's establishment of the first National HIV/AIDS Strategy in 2010 and the announcement of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative by President Donald Trump in 2019, resulting in a 12% reduction in new HIV transmissions since 2018 and an even more impressive 21% reduction in the jurisdictions prioritized by the EHE initiative. Much of this progress occurred among young people aged 13 to 24 who experienced a 30% decrease. Along with recent calls from President Biden for a National PrEP Program to amplify EHE efforts, the highly impactful CDC-funded *Take Me Home* at home HIV testing initiative, and exciting new long-acting treatment and prevention options, we can finally bring the epidemic under control for all American communities.

In contrast, a drastic cut to domestic funding would put our progress at risk and jeopardize the health of people living with HIV and vulnerable to HIV in the U.S., with a disproportionate impact on people living in the South who saw more than half of the total new HIV diagnoses in the US in 2022. Black and Hispanic/Latino communities continue to bear the brunt of the epidemic, making up more than 70% of estimated new HIV transmissions in 2022. Among new diagnoses in women in 2022, over half occurred in Black women; and between 2018 and 2022 transgender women saw a 25% increase in new diagnoses.

Historic progress in reducing new transmissions among people who inject drugs continues to be under threat, with a 7% increase in new diagnoses among men who inject. Supporting and expanding HIV funding will preserve the wins we have made and ensure that every community in America benefits from innovations in prevention, testing, and treatment.

Turning our back on HIV funding will be costly for America. Every new HIV transmission in the U.S. creates \$501,000 in lifetime healthcare costs. An increase of just 2,000 new diagnoses in the U.S. will add billions in additional healthcare costs. Five thousand Americans still die from AIDS-related causes each year. Those numbers will grow if we cannot ensure ongoing funding for key support services.

**Please ensure that we fully fund our domestic anti-HIV efforts.** Our nation's historic response to HIV/AIDS has been a bipartisan victory and a source of pride for Democrats and Republicans alike. It is an inspiring story of what can happen when we place politics aside and invest in scientific progress and compassionate services that open the door to effective treatment and prevention.

Sincerely,

PrEP4All

AIDS Resource Alliance, Inc.

AVAC

AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition

HIV Medicine Association

AIDS United

Act Now: End AIDS (ANEA) Coalition

AJG Fund

ACT UP NY

Aliveness Project

ACR Health

Alliance Care 360

ActionAIDS dba Action Wellness

American Academy of HIV Medicine

Advocacy House Services, Inc.

American Psychological Association

Advocates for Youth

American Sexual Health Association

Agape Missions, NFP

Amida Care

AIDS Action Baltimore

APAIT

AIDS Alabama

APLA Health

AIDS Alabama South

Appalachian Learning Initiative Inc.

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children,  
Youth & Families

AR Health

AIDS Foundation Chicago

Argus Community, Inc.

Arianna's Center	Community Liver Alliance
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	Community Resource Initiative (CRI)
Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center	Compass LGBTQ Community Center
BHASO	Consortium for the Advancement of Rights for Key Affected Populations (CARKAP)
Birmingham AIDS Outreach	Corktown Health
Black AIDS Institute	Decisive Minds
Black Women's Health Imperative	Drug Policy Alliance
BOOM!Health	Dune's LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation
Boulder County AIDS Project	Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Building Healthy Online Communities	Empowerment Support Group
CAEAR Coalition	Equality Access to Health and Rights Initiative (EAHRI)
Callie Clinic	Equality California
CARES of Southwest Michigan	Equitas Health
CARES Sexual Wellness Services	Erie Gay News
Cascade AIDS Project	Fatty Liver Foundation
Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP)	Fenway Health
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers	Fifth Street Renaissance
Chicago House and Social Service Agency	Five Horizons Health Services
Chicago Women's AIDS Project	Food for Thought
Children and Youth Uganda	Funders Concerned About AIDS
Christian Youth Volunteers Association Trust, Zimbabwe	Galaei
Colorado Health Network	Georgia AIDS Coalition
Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)	Georgia Equality

Great Chicago Smiles  
Harbor Health Services Inc.  
Harlem United  
Health Services Center, Inc.  
HealthHIV  
Heartland Alliance Health  
Henderson Equality Center  
HEP  
HER-Initiative(Rising Roses)  
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute  
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan  
HIV Dental Alliance  
HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan  
HIV+Aging Research Project-Palm Springs  
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc.  
Hope House of St. Croix Valley  
Housing Works  
Hyacinth Foundation  
iHealth  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Imani Unidad, INC  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's  
Reproductive Justice Agenda  
Indiana Recovery Alliance  
Interior AIDS Association  
International Association of Providers of AIDS  
Care  
Iris House Inc.  
JSI  
Korean Community Services of Metropolitan  
New York  
Lansing Area AIDS Network  
L'Arche Chicago  
Latino Commission on AIDS  
Latinos Salud  
Let's Talk About It  
Lilmesican Productions Inc  
Long Valley Health Center  
Marin County HHS  
Medical Students for Choice  
Multicultural AIDS Coalition  
NASTAD  
National Alliance for HIV Education and  
Workforce Development  
National Association of County and City Health  
Officials  
National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition  
National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network  
National Coalition for LGBTQ Health  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition

National Tuberculosis Coalition of America	Reproductive Health Access Project
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable	Ribbon - A Center for Excellence
National Working Positive Coalition	Rural AIDS Action Network
NMAC	SAGE
North Shore Alliance of GLBTQ+ Youth (NAGLY)	San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network	San Francisco Community Health Center
NYU Langone Hospitals - Tisch Hospital Clinical Labs	Selma AIR, Inc
Oklahoma HIV Support Group	Sero Project
PA HIV Justice Alliance	Share and Care Charity
Piedmont Care, Inc.	Shot in the Dark
Pleasant Drive Animal Rescue	SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
Poderosos	Silver State Equality-Nevada
Positive Impact Health Centers	SisterLove, Inc.
Positive People Network	Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Positive Women's Network-Ohio	SLK Health Services Corporation
Positive Women's Network-USA	Solutions NOT Punishment Collaborative, Inc.
Positively Grateful	Southern AIDS Coalition
Prism Health North Texas	Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation
Proactive Community Services	Southern Nevada Asian Pacific Islander Queer Society
Project RED Paint	Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS
Project Vida Inc.	Southwest Recovery Alliance
PROMO Missouri	Southwest Recovery Alliance (SWRA)
QLatinx	St. Mary's Mission Hospital
	Support Persons in Trauma Initiative

Target4

TaskForce Prevention & Community Services

The AIDS Institute

The Aliveness Project, Inc.

The Center in Asbury Park

The Grand Eluzion

The Reunion Project

The Well Project

Thomas Judd Care Center at Munson Medical  
Center

Thrive Alabama

Toadhenge Consulting, LLC

Transinclusive Group

Transition Services, Inc.

Treatment Action Group

Ujima Men's Collective

UNIFIED- HIV Health and Beyond

Unity Fellowship of Christ Church-NYC

URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender  
Equity

US People Living with HIV Caucus

Valley AIDS Council

Vivent Health

VOCAL-NY

Wellness AIDS Services, Inc.

Young in Action

Youth Health and Right Initiative for Advocacy  
and Empowerment