



The Honorable John Thune  
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
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### **HIV Community Urges Congress to Make Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Permanent**

Dear Senator Thune, Senator Schumer, Congressman Johnson, and Congressman Jeffries:

The HIV Healthcare Access Working Group writes on behalf of the undersigned 46 local, regional, and national organizations advocating for federal funding, legislation and policy to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Achieving that goal requires that people living with and vulnerable to HIV maintain consistent access to high quality, affordable HIV treatment and prevention. To that end, ***we urge you to quickly and permanently extend the enhancement to marketplace premium tax credits enacted in 2021.***

Because of the enhancements Congress made to premium tax credit eligibility in 2021, record numbers of low-income, working Americans – including people living with and vulnerable to HIV – have been able to afford high-quality, comprehensive health insurance coverage. As a result, the uninsured rate is now at an all-time low, just 8.2%. Affordable marketplace insurance is particularly important for people living with HIV and vulnerable to HIV because of the ACA’s rights to guaranteed issue and against pre-existing condition exclusions or up-charging. The essential health benefits package ensures that crucial services such as HIV screening, coverage of HIV PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), prescription drugs, physician and hospital care, substance use treatment, and mental health services are covered.

Enhanced premium tax credits have helped millions gain health insurance since 2021. But more than that, they have helped to stretch limited Ryan White Care Act funding so that HIV care providers can maintain or even increase the number of people to whom they provide care despite rising costs and a flat-funded budget. Ending the enhanced premium tax credits will cut off a lifeline for people living with and vulnerable to HIV at the same time that Congress is debating crippling funding cuts in the appropriations process that would devastate the HIV care system.

We therefore urge Congress to permanently extend the reauthorization of the ePFCs by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to working with you to make the extension of the ACA’s enhanced premium tax credits permanent. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further with our community, please

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