

Letter to Elected Officials – World AIDS Day 2018

December 1, 2018

Name

Address

City

Dear Senator/Representative _____:

On this 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day, we can celebrate the remarkable progress made against this global pandemic. These incredible programs have saved countless lives and as a U.S. citizen and one of your constituents, I am proud of these programs and eager to have them continued and expanded.

We must build on this progress and accelerate the U.S. response to HIV/AIDS in the next two years – particularly among women and girls and the world's most marginalized and difficult-to-reach populations. The Trump Administration has proposed cutting nearly a billion dollars out of PEPFAR's \$4.5 billion-a-year budget.

I ask that you strongly resist any proposed cuts to or limitation on U.S. funding for PEPFAR and the Global Fund.

In the U.S., HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment efforts require continued funding. More than 1.1 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV today, and 1 in 7 of them are unaware of their status. Upwards of 35,000 Americans are newly infected with HIV each year.

I ask that you support continued funding for AIDS education, prevention and treatment in our country to stem the tide of new infections and protect those at greatest risk.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue, not only on World AIDS Day, but throughout the year.

Sincerely,