

Letter to Elected Officials – World AIDS Day 2018

December 1, 2018

Name  
Address  
City

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

On this 30<sup>th</sup> 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 am grateful for the U.S. House’s passage of the PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018. I urge the Senate to pass the PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018 act as well. With Congress’s bipartisan support, the U.S. can continue to lead the global fight to end the AIDS epidemic for good.**

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,