



October 28, 2022

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations United
States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations United
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations United
States House of Representatives Washington,
DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations United
States House of Representatives Washington,
DC 20515

Subject: HIV Community Funding Request for a National HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Program

Dear Chairs Murray and DeLauro and Ranking Members Blunt and Cole:

As you move forward with final negotiations for the FY2023 appropriations process, we urge you to invest **\$30 million in expanding HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) nationwide** within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of HIV Prevention in the FY 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) appropriations bill. Such funding is a necessary first step toward achieving a national PrEP program. It is an essential investment to reach the ambitious targets put forth in the bipartisan *Ending the HIV Epidemic* initiative.

In a recent 2020 report the CDC estimates that nationally, 66% of white people who could benefit from receiving PrEP use it, compared to only 9% of Black people and 16% of Hispanic/Latino people, leading to greater disparities in HIV for people of color. Additionally, only 9.7% of women who could benefit from PrEP currently have a prescription. Many of these same populations are disproportionately uninsured.

Congress and the Federal government must quickly act to ensure that anyone who is uninsured and underinsured and would benefit from PrEP can access the medication and other PrEP services without any costs. For every year that we delay scaling up access to effective, evidence-based HIV prevention through PrEP, over 35,000 unnecessary new infections will occur in the U.S., concentrated primarily within vulnerable communities and communities of color. This new program would expand PrEP access by providing grants to a wider range of provider networks.

As part of this request, we urge the Committee to adopt the following report language to ensure that this funding is effectively distributed:

Domestic HIV/AIDS Prevention and Research. Access to PrEP.— In support of the vision of ending the HIV epidemic, the Committee includes an increase of \$30 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of HIV Prevention to increase equitable access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) nationwide. Additionally, the Division should use existing funding to increase access to PrEP. The committee is concerned that only 25% of people who could benefit from PrEP, an effective HIV prevention medication, received a prescription in 2020, with only 9.7% of women, 9% of Black and 16% of Hispanic/Latino people in need of PrEP having access compared to 66% of their White counterparts. This funding should support planning and launching a national program to increase access to PrEP medications; laboratory services; essential support and wrap around services, such as case management, counseling, linkage, and adherence services; robust PrEP outreach and education activities; and PrEP provider capacity expansion. The Committee further directs CDC to examine and remove limitations on grantees' abilities to use HIV prevention grants and cooperative agreements on PrEP medications, laboratory services, and clinic visits for people who are uninsured or underinsured. CDC shall submit a report to the Committee within 180 days of enactment of final FY23 appropriations on the status of a national PrEP initiative.

We thank you for considering this request. We hope that your leadership will ensure that we can end the HIV epidemic. Should you have any questions, please reach out to our coalition by contacting Jeremiah Johnson at Jeremiah@PrEP4All.org.

Sincerely,

Organizational Signatures

ADAP Educational Initiative (OH)
Advocacy House Services, Inc. (NC)
Advocates for Youth (DC)
AIDS Action Baltimore (MD)
AIDS Alabama (AL)
AIDS Alabama South (AL)

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families (DC)
AIDS Foundation Chicago (IL)
AIDS United (DC)
Aliveness Project (MN)
American Academy of HIV Medicine (DC)
American Psychological Association (DC)
American Sexual Health Association (NC)
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research (NY)
APLA Health (CA)
Appalachian Learning Initiative Inc. (WV)
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (OH)
AVAC (NY)
Black AIDS Institute (GA)
Black Women's Learning Institute (NY)
CAEAR Coalition (DC)
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center (NY)
CALOR (IL)
CARES of Southwest Michigan (MI)
Cascade AIDS Project (OR)
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers (FL)
Chicago House and Social Service Agency (IL)
Chicago Women's AIDS Project (IL)
Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS(CORA) (CO)
Community Access National Network (LA)
Community Education Group (CEG)
Community Liver Alliance (PA)
DECISIVE MINDS (LA)
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (DC)
Elton John AIDS Foundation (NY)
Equality California (CA)
Equity & Impact Solutions (CA)
Fast-Track Cities Institute (DC)
Fatty Liver Foundation (ID)
Fenway Health (MA)
Food for Thought (CA)
Georgia AIDS Coalition (GA)
Georgia Equality (GA)
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality (DC)
Global Justice Institute (NY)
Golden Rainbows of Illinois South (IL)

HealthHIV (DC)
Healthy Teen Network (MD)
Hennepin County, Minnesota (MN)
HEP (WA)
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute (DC)
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan (MI)
HIV Dental Alliance (GA)
HIV Medicine Association (VA)
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc. (FL)
Hope House of St. Croix Valley (MN)
Howard Brown Health (IL)
Housing Works (NY)
Human Rights Campaign (DC)
Hyacinth Foundation (NJ)
iHealth (NY)
Illinois Public Health Association (IL)
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda (DC)
Indiana Recovery Alliance (IN)
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (DC)
John Snow, Inc. (JSI) (MA)
Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York (NY)
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (NY)
Lansing Area AIDS Network (MI)
Latino Commission on AIDS (NY)
Latinos Salud (FL)
Medical Students for Choice (PA)
My Brother's Keeper, Inc. (MS)
NASTAD (DC)
National Alliance for HIV Education and Workforce Development (DC)
National Association of County and City Health Officials (DC)
National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition (DC)
National Coalition for LGBTQ Health (DC)
National Coalition of STD Directors (DC)
National Working Positive Coalition (NY)
NC AIDS Action Network (NC)
NMAC (DC)
PCAF (formerly Pierce County AIDS Foundation) (WA)
Positive Women's Network-USA (CA)
PrEP4All (NY)
Prevention Access Campaign (DC)

Prism Health North Texas (TX)
Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (IL)
R2H Action [Right to Health] (MA)
Rainbow Café (IL)
Reproductive Health Access Project (NY)
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition (DC)
San Francisco AIDS Foundation (CA)
San Francisco Community Health Center (CA)
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change (DC)
Silver State Equality (NV)
SisterLove, Inc. (GA)
Southern AIDS Coalition (AL)
Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS (AZ)
Southwest Recovery Alliance (AZ)
Strategies for High Impact (S4HI)
The AIDS Institute (DC)
The Aliveness Project, Inc. (MN)
The Matrix Consulting, LLC (VA)
The Reunion Project (IL)
The Well Project (NY)
Thomas Judd Care Center at Munson Medical Center (MI)
Thrive Alabama (AL)
THRIVE SS Inc (GA)
Treatment Action Group (NY)
UCSF (CA)
UNIFIED- HIV Health and Beyond (MI)
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity (DC)
Vivent Health (CO, MO, TX, WI)
Wellness AIDS Services, Inc. (MI)
Whitman-Walker Institute (DC)
Woodhull Freedom Foundation (DC)