

AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition

(An affiliated workgroup of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership)

October 31, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Subject: FY2015 Funding for Domestic HIV/AIDS Programs

Dear Chairwoman Mikulski, Ranking Member Shelby, Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Member Lowey:

On behalf of the AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition (ABAC), we urge you to prioritize domestic HIV/AIDS funding as you work to resolve FY2015 funding. We appreciate your strong continued commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS in the United States. Continued resources from the federal government are essential to achieving goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and to move towards an AIDS-free generation. We understand that we are in difficult budgetary times, but we ask that you keep the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS forefront in your minds as you work to finalize FY2015 funding.

Failure to continue our nation's investment in a health care safety-net and to support prevention, care and treatment and research programs will result in significant increases in HIV infections; higher hospital and emergency room costs and diminished hope for a cure and/or vaccine to eventually eradicate HIV. Furthermore, because we now know effective HIV treatment prevents HIV transmission, comprehensive care for people living with HIV is vital to our nation's public health and has the potential to dramatically decrease new HIV infections in the US. The vital, enabling services that include case management, medical nutrition therapy and treatment adherence services are crucial to the health of people living with HIV.

In addition, delays in the resolution of FY2015 funding have a serious impact on the ground. Partial awards limit grantees' ability to plan and respond quickly and nimbly to emerging trends in the epidemic.

We urge you to:

1. Fully Fund the Ryan White Program:

- Part A: \$656 million
- Part B (Care): \$415 million
- Part B (ADAP): \$900 million
- Part C: \$215 million
- Part D: \$75 million
- Part F/AETC: \$34 million
- Part F/Dental: \$13 million
- Part F/SPNS: \$25 million

Please note that ABAC does not support the consolidation of the Ryan White Program Part C and Part D, which was proposed in the President's Budget.

2. Increase Funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of HIV Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health, Division of STD Prevention and Division of Viral Hepatitis in line with the President's request:

- Division of HIV Prevention and Surveillance: \$762 million
- Division of Adolescent and School Health: \$34 million
- Division of STD Prevention: \$158 million
- Division of Viral Hepatitis: \$31 million

3. Fund HIV/ AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH):

- HIV Research at NIH: \$3.05 billion

4. Increase Funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA):

- HOPWA: \$332 million

5. Ensure full funding for the Minority AIDS Initiative, which is a component of multiple programs.

6. End the Ban on Access to Sterile Syringes:

- We urge you to end the ban on the use of federal funds for syringe exchange programs and to maintain language that allows the use of local funds for syringe exchange programs in the District of Columbia.

7. Support Adolescent Sexual Health Promotion Programs:

- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative: \$105 million
- No funding for harmful abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

While these requests only represent a portion of what's required to end the HIV epidemic, we request that you fully fund these programs. This will assure that we can make progress towards eliminating new infections while providing care for people living with HIV/ AIDS.

We cannot afford to retreat in our battle against HIV and AIDS and to end support for the health care safety-net programs that are vital to millions of the most vulnerable Americans. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact ABAC Co-Chairs

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Sincerely,

1917 Outpatient HIV/AIDS Clinic at UAB
Access AIDS Network
AccessMatters
ActionAIDS
ADAP Advocacy Association
African American AIDS Task Force
African American Health Alliance
African Services Committee
African-American Outreach Initiative
(AAOI) of Atlanta, GA.
AIDS Alabama
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants,
Children, Youth & Families
AIDS Coalition of Southwestern
Pennsylvania
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS Legal Assistance Project, Public Law
Center
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
AIDS Legal Referral Panel
AIDS Network of WNY
AIDS Partnership Michigan
AIDS Project Los Angeles
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta
AIDS Resource Alliance
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
AIDS Resource Center Ohio
AIDS Service Center
AIDS Services Foundation Orange County
AIDS Task Force
AIDS United
Alabaster
Albany Damien Center
Aletheia House
All Under One Roof LGBT Advocates of
S.E. Idaho Inc.
Alliance of AIDS Services- Carolina
ALPHA Pittsburgh, Inc.
American Academy of HIV Medicine
(AAHIVM)
American Psychological Association
Amida Care, Inc.

APAIT (Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention
Team)
APLA Health & Wellness
Arkansas HIV Planning Group
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Aunt Rita's Foundation
AVAC
AVITWEC
Baltimore Student Harm Reduction
Coalition
Being Alive
Beyond Care Inc NFP
Blue Mountain Heart to Heart
BOOM!Health
Borihquen Healthcare
Bridging Access to Care, Inc
Brooklyn Community Pride Center
CALOR, a Division of Anixter Center
CAMBA
Camden AHEC
CAMP Rehoboth
Capitol City Family Health Center
Caring Choices
Cascade AIDS Project
Catholics for Choice
Center for Pan Asian Community Services
Center for Women Policy Studies
Center on Halsted
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT
Centers
Chicago Women's AIDS Project
CHOICES. Memphis Center for
Reproductive Health
Clare Housing
Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS
Relief Coalition
Community Access National Network-
CANN
Community Networks, Inc.
Community Servings
Compass
Concilio Latino de Salud, Inc.

Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD
Delaware HIV Consortium
Drive for Universal Healthcare (DUH)
El Punto en la Montana
El/La Para TransLatinas
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Food & Friends, Inc.
Frannie Peabody Center
Friends For Life
FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs
Gay and Lesbian Services Organization
Georgia AIDS Coalition
Georgia Equality
Global Justice Institute
GMHC
God's Love We Deliver, Inc
Haymarket Center
Healing with CAARE
Health Emergency Lifeline Programs
Healthy Teen Network
Heartland Health Outreach, Inc.
Hennepin County
HIV ACCESS
HIV Dental Alliance
HIV Medicine Association
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance
HIV/AIDS Law Project
HIV/AIDS Services for African Americans
in Alaska
HIV/HCV Resource Center
Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida
Horizon Health Center
Howard Brown Health Center
Hudson Pride Connections Center
International AIDS Empowerment
IV CHARIS
Karibu House
Lansing Area AIDS Network
Legacy Community Health Services
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender
Community Center, NYC
Let's Kick ASS – AIDS Survivor Syndrome
LGBT Center of Raleigh
Lifelong AIDS Alliance
LLHC (Louisiana Latino Health Coalition
for HIV/AIDS Awareness)

Long Island Minority AIDS Coalition
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network
Louisiana Public Health Institute
Metro TeenAIDS
Metro Wellness and Community Centers
Michigan AIDS Coalition
Michigan Positive Action Coalition (MI-
POZ)
Migrant Health Center, Inc.
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
Minnesota AIDS Project
Mississippi Center for Justice
Moveable Feast
Nashville CARES
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Alliance for HIV Education and
Workforce Development
National Alliance of State & Territorial
AIDS Directors
National Association of County and City
Health Officials
National Association of Social Workers
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Family Planning and Reproductive
Health Association
National Minority AIDS Council
National Working Positive Coalition
New Age Services Corp.
New Jersey Association on Correction
NJCRI
NO/AIDS Task Force
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
North Central Texas Planning Council
North County LGBTQ Resource Center
OASIS
Ohio Aids Coalition
One Heartland
Open Aid Alliance
Open Door Clinic
Orange County HIV/AIDS Advocacy Team
Paciente de Sida pro Política Sana
Pacific Pride Foundation
Park House
Phoenix Pride LGBT Center
Pierce County AIDS Foundation
Positive Impact, Inc

Positive Women in Action (PWA)
Positive Women's Network - USA
PowerSource Tucson, Inc
Pozabilities
Pride Center of Vermont
Pridelines Youth Services
Priority Health Care
Project Hard Hat
Project Hospitality
Project Inform
Project TAG (Tyler Area Gays)
Public Law Center
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
Coalition
RAIN
Rainbow Center
Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
Saint Louis Effort for AIDS
Salaam Legal Network and Citizens Council
for Human Rights
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
San Joaquin AIDS Foundation
San Luis Obispo Co. AIDS Support
Network
Santa Fe Mountain Center/Adventure Out
Sexuality Information and Education
Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)
Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation
Siouxland Community Health Center
Society for Rural Basic Need-Srabon
South MS AIDS Task Force
Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative
(SASI)
Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force
Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS
St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction

St. Mary Medical Center
Stamford CARES
START at Westminster
Taskforce Prevention and Community
Services
Test Positive Aware Network
The ACCESS Network, Inc.
The Afiya Center
The AIDS Institute
The Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc.
The Cave Institute
The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection
The DC Center for the LGBT Community
The Hope and Help Center
The Living Affected Corporation
The Meehle Law Firm, P.A.
The Montrose Center
The Well Project
Triangle Community Center
Triumphant Life Services Foundation
Tulsa CARES
University of Central Florida
Uganda Fisheries and Fish Conservation
Association (UFFCA)
Unity Fellowship Church of Christ
Philadelphia
University of IL College of Medicine - Heart
of IL HIV/AIDS
Valley AIDS Council
VillageCare
Washington AIDS Partnership
Wateree AIDS Task Force
Western North Carolina AIDS Project
Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support
Network
Woodhull Sexual Freedom Alliance

CC: House Appropriations Committee
Senate Appropriations Committee