

September 26, 2013

The Honorable Robert Menendez
Chairman
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

The Honorable Bob Corker
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

The Honorable Ed Royce
Chairman
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Eliot Engel
Ranking Member
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Barbara Lee
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Members of Congress:

The undersigned organizations welcome the introduction of the *PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013*. This legislation is an affirmation of the bipartisan, bicameral support for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. It also comes at an important time. With PEPFAR's support, countries are making historic gains towards ending the AIDS epidemic – and with continued Congressional commitment, an AIDS-free generation can become the biggest global health triumph of our lifetimes.

As advocacy, medical, research, implementing and faith based organizations we are devoted to ensuring that PEPFAR remains a strong cornerstone of the United States' global health portfolio. We look forward to working with Congress to ensure the program builds upon past successes and leads the world towards the end of AIDS.

Sincerely,



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