



May 3, 2024

The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Schatz, Ranking Member Hyde-Smith, Chairman Womack, and Ranking Member Quigley:

We, the undersigned 393 national, state, local organizations, and concerned citizens write to express our strong support to fund the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program at a funding level of at least \$750 million, comprised of \$600 million of base funding for the HOPWA program and an additional \$150 million as part of Biden's Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative. This \$150 million would be targeted toward jurisdictions with most HIV prevalence as defined by the CDC.

In December 2022, NHAHC and the CDC published research in *AIDS Journal*, [Needs for shelter or housing assistance among people with diagnosed HIV by jurisdiction: United States, 2015–2020](#), which found that nationally, only 1 in 4 (27.7%) people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) had shelter or housing service needs and among those who needed housing services, 2 in 5 (40.4%) did not receive them (range: 21.3% in New York to 62.3% in Georgia). The research showed that in 2019, **HOPWA funding was only able to cover rent for 1.24 months per year for those in need of housing assistance.**

For over 30 years, HOPWA has provided a national safety net for very low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. The program provides competitive and formula grants to all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Through these grants, cities and states



design and deliver stigma-free community-based, cost-effective housing and supportive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA is critical because housing remains the greatest unmet need for people living with HIV/AIDS. Stable housing, like the housing provided by HOPWA grantees, leads to better health outcomes for those living with HIV. For people living with HIV, a better health outcome means viral suppression. An individual who is virally suppressed cannot transmit the virus to another person, thereby ensuring the health of their entire community.

Since the announcement of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America*, leaders have acknowledged that the United States has the medical tools necessary to end the HIV Epidemic. However, research shows that we cannot end the HIV Epidemic without addressing the housing needs of individuals living with and at-risk of HIV/AIDS. Inadequate funding of the only federal housing program solely dedicated to addressing the housing needs of individuals with HIV/AIDS will be a barrier to the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* initiative.

HIV does not affect all Americans equally, making the need for adequate HOPWA funding in certain communities more important than ever. 92% of HOPWA funds serve extremely-low to very-low-income households. During the last program year, 46% of HOPWA funds assisted individuals in the 51+ age range. Currently, over half of adults living with HIV are over the age of 50, and by 2030 it is estimated that over 70% of those living with HIV in the United States will be 50+. Along with 8% of HOPWA's homeless beneficiaries were veterans, an increase of 3% from the previous year, and another 52% were considered chronically homeless, which continues to increase each year. 62% of HOPWA funds are serving the BIPOC community. The program placed 19,777 new individuals into housing while providing housing for 45,740 households, provided 106,611 individuals with supportive services. According to HUD, the HOPWA program leveraged \$1,100,472,465.75 from state and local jurisdictions in the last program year.

If Congress and the President want to end homelessness and the HIV epidemic in America, we implore you to fund HOPWA at least at \$600 million and create a \$150M EHE housing program for FY25.

If you have any questions about this letter, ~~please contact~~ Lauren Banks, Executive Director, at the National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition (Lauren@nhahc.org).

Thank you,

National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition (DC)

A.H. of Monroe County Inc.	Key West, FL
Abode Services	Fremont, CA
Acacia Network	Bronx, NY
AcadianaCares	Lafayette, LA
ACasaYSalud Advocacy	Chicago, IL
Access Ready, Inc.	St. Petersburg, FL
Access Support Network	Salinas, CA
ACR Health	Syracuse, NY
ACT NOW: END AIDS (ANEA) Coalition	New York, NY
Action Wellness	Philadelphia, PA
Advancing Connecticut Together	Hartford, CT
African American AIDS Task Force	Minneapolis, MN
Agape Missions, NFP	Joliet, IL
AID Upstate	Greenville, SC
AID Atlanta, Inc.	Atlanta, GA
AIDS Action Baltimore	Baltimore, MD
AIDS Alabama	Birmingham, AL
AIDS Alabama South	Mobile, AL
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families	Washington, D.C.
AIDS Athens, Inc	Athens, GA
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	Chicago, IL
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Fort Lauderdale, FL
AIDS Housing Information Project, Eden Information & Referral Inc.	Hayward, CA
AIDS Law Project of PA	Philadelphia, PA
AIDS Legal Referral Panel	San Francisco, CA
AIDS Project of the East Bay	Oakland, CA
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	Wisconsin
AIDS Services of Austin	Austin, TX
AIDS Services of Dallas	Dallas, TX
AIDS United	Washington, D.C.
Alameda Health System	Oakland, CA
Albany Damien Center	Albany, NY
Aliveness Project	Minneapolis, MN
Alliance Care 360	Chicago, IL
Alliance for Positive Health	Albany, NY
Alliance for Positive Health	Glens Falls, NY
Allies for Health + Wellbeing	Pittsburgh, PA
American Academy of HIV Medicine	Washington, D.C.
American Rainbow Pride PLLC	Muskegon, MI
Amida Care	New York, NY
Aniz, Inc.	Atlanta, GA

Antioch Urban Ministries Inc.	Atlanta, GA
AIDS Project of the East Bay (APEB)	Oakland, CA
APLA Health	Los Angeles, CA
Appalachian Learning Initiative Inc	Morgantown, WV
Arianna's Center	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Arianna's Center PR	San Juan, PR
Arkansas RAPPS	Little Rock, AR
Ascension Illinois Housing & Health Alliance	Chicago, IL
ASPIRATIONS	Baton Rouge, LA
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	Uniontown, OH
Atlanta Coalition for LGBTQ Youth	Atlanta, GA
Atlanta Pride Committee	Atlanta, GA
Berkeley Drop In Center	Berkeley, CA
Bill's Kitchen, Inc	San Juan, PR
Birmingham AIDS Outreach (BAO)	Birmingham, AL
Black AIDS Institute	Los Angeles, CA
Blaq Equity Baltimore, Inc.	Birmingham, AL
Blossoming In Red, Inc.	Valdosta, GA
Brentwood Community Foundation	Houston, TX
Bridging Access To Care	Brooklyn, NY
Brilliant Corners	San Francisco, CA
Buddies of NJ, Inc.	Hackensack, NJ
Butterfly Girls, LLC	Marietta, GA
CAEAR Coalition	Washington, D.C.
CAL PEP	Oakland, CA
CALOR - AHF	Chicago, IL
CAMBA, Inc.	New York, NY
CAN Community Health	Sarasota, FL
Caracole	Cincinnati, OH
CARES of Southwest Michigan	Kalamazoo, MI
Carolinas CARE Partnership	Charlotte, NC
Cascade AIDS Project	Portland, OR
Cass Community Social Services, Inc.	Detroit, MI
CCasaYSalud	Chicago, IL
Cempa Community Care	Chattanooga TN
Center For Black Equity-Baltimore	Washington, D.C.
Center for Disability Rights	Washington, D.C.
Center for Housing and Health	Chicago, IL
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Cero VIH PR	San Juan, PR
CFAR CAB	Philadelphia, PA

Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus	Chicago, IL
Chicago House and Social Service Agency	Chicago, IL
Chicago Women's AIDS Project	Chicago, IL
Choice Health Network	Knoxville, TN
Chrysalis Center	Hartford, CT
Circle of Friends Task Force	Greenville, NC
City of Chicago	Chicago, IL
City of Columbia	Columbia, SC
City of Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale, FL
City of Fort Smith	Fort Smith, AR
City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL
City of Paterson	Paterson, NJ
City of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
Clare Housing	Minneapolis, MN
Cleveland Dept. of Public Health - HIV/AIDS	Cleveland, OH
CNY HIV Care Network	Central New York
Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation	Corpus Christi, TX
Collaborative Solutions	Birmingham, AL
Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)	Colorado
Columbus House, Inc.	New Haven, CT
Community Access National Network (CANN)	Washington, D.C.
Community AIDS Resources and Education Services (CARES)	Kalamazoo, MI
Community Education Group	United States
CommunityScape Services, Inc.	Stone Mountain, GA
Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers	New Orleans, LA
Congreso	Philadelphia, PA
Council of State Community Development Agencies	Washington, D.C.
CrescentCare	New Orleans, LA
Dallas County Ryan White Planning Council	Dallas, TX
Damien Center	Indianapolis, IN
DAP Health	Palm Springs, CA
DC Fights Back	Washington, D.C.
Dekalb Young Democrats	Tucker, GA
Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corp.	Denver, CO
Delaware HIV Consortium	Wilmington, DE
Delaware Housing Assistance Program	Wilmington, DE
Demontico Anderson	Durham, NC
Detroit Community Health Connection, Inc.	Detroit, MI
Department of Housing Municipality of San Juan	San Juan, PR
Dignity Health Management Center	Abilene, TX

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund	Berkeley, CA
Dogwood Health Care Network	Fayetteville, NC
DOORWAYS	Saint Louis, MO
East Oakland Community Project	Oakland, CA
Eden Housing	Hayward, CA
Edgewood Center, Affordable Housing Solutions, Inc	Atlanta, GA
Edwards Outreach Center	Moundville, AL
End AIDS Now	New York, NY
Let's Kick Ass NY	New York, NY
EOCP	Oakland, CA
Equality California	Los Angeles, CA
Equality California	Washington, D.C.
Family Initiative of the CSRA, Inc.	Augusta, GA
Desert Aids Project	Palm Springs, CA
Femme Plus	Kinshasa, Congo
Five Horizons Health Services	AL, MS
Foothill AIDS Project	San Bernardino, CA
Foothill AIDS Project	Claremont, CA
Fort Smith Senior Center	Fort Smith, AR
Franhoco Corporation	Kelayres, PA
Frannie Peabody Center	Portland, ME
Friends For Life	Memphis, TN
Friends of Peter	Saint Louis, MO
Fulton County	Atlanta, GA
Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance (GLAA)	Washington, D.C.
Georgia AIDS Coalition	Snellville, GA
Georgia Equality	Atlanta, GA
Georgia House of Representatives	Atlanta, GA
Global Justice Institute	New York, NY
GMHC	New York, NY
Golden Rainbow	Las Vegas, NV
GoodWorks	Huntsville, AL
Grace House	Jackson, MS
Grady Health System - Ponce De Leon Center	Atlanta, GA
Gregory House Programs	Honolulu, HI
Grounded Solutions Network	Portland, OR
HAART Oakland	Oakland, CA
Harlem United	New York, NY
Harm Reduction Coalition	New York, NY
Health Services Center, Inc.	Anniston, AL
HealthHIV	Washington, D.C.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center	Fort Smith, AR
Heartland CARES, Inc.	Paducah, KY
HEMA Universal Life Community Services, Inc	Wichita, KS
Here's to Life Inc.	Atlanta, GA
Highland Adult Immunology Clinic	Oakland, CA
Highland Hospital	Oakland, CA
Hispanic AIDS Forum	Bronx, New York
Hispanic Health Network	New York, NY
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan	Detroit, MI
HIV Dental Alliance	Atlanta, GA
HIV Medicine Association	Arlington, VA
HOGAR, Inc.	Bronx, NY
HomeFront	Lawrenceville, NJ
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc.	Winter Park, FL
Hope Haven Inc	Charlotte, NC
Hope House of St. Croix Valley	Stillwater, MN
Hope In The End	Charlotte, NC
House of Mercy	Belmont, NC
House of Serenity, Inc	Atlanta, GA
Housing & Community Development	Augusta, GA
Housing Authority of the City of Terre Haute	Terre Haute, IN
Housing Works	New York, NY
Houzzfordable	Vallejo, CA
Hudson County Housing Resource Center	Jersey City, NJ
Human Resources Development Inst. (HRDI)	Chicago, IL
iHealth	New York, NY
iknowAwareness LLC	Atlanta, GA
Impulse Group DC	Washington, D.C.
Interfaith Medical Center - One Brooklyn Health	Brooklyn, NY
Iris House, Inc.	New York, NY
JSI	Boston, MA
JustUs Health	St Paul, MN
Juxtaposed Center for Transformation, Inc	Stone Mountain, GA
Kigali Hope Association	Kigali, Rwanda
Kingsport Housing & Redevelopment Authority	Kingsport, TN
KU School of Medicine Wichita	Wichita, KS
La Clinica	Oakland, CA
La Gender Inc	Atlanta, GA
Lansing Area AIDS Network	Lansing, MI
Latino Commission on AIDS	New York, NY
Latino LinQ	Atlanta, GA

LeadingAge	Washington, D.C.
Legal Aid Service of Broward County	Plantation, FL
Lets Kick ASS AIDS Survivor Syndrome	San Francisco, CA
LGBT Life Center	Norfolk, VA
Liberty Community Services	New Haven, CT
Living HAPI	Charlotte, NC
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles, CA
LOTUS	Atlanta, GA
Low Income Housing Coalition of Alabama	Birmingham, AL
Lucha Contra el Sida, Inc	San Juan, PR
Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University	New York, NY
Maple Island Estates Inc	South Haven, MI
Mathew's Place	Atlanta, GA
McClees Clinic	Muskegon, MI
Medical Advocacy and Outreach	Montgomery, AL
Mental Health Assoc. of San Mateo Co.	Redwood City, CA
Mercy Care	Atlanta, GA
MFA	Albuquerque, NM
MI Tax Services LLC	Muskegon, MI
Michigan HIV/AIDS Coalition of Michigan	Michigan
Michigan HIV and AIDS Council	Detroit, MI
St. Stephen's Ministry	Augusta, GA
Mississippi Harm Reduction Initiative	Jackson, MS
Mississippi Positive Network	Cleveland, MS
Municipality of San Juan	San Juan, PR
My Brother's Keeper, Inc.	Jackson, MS
N.O.M.O Organization	Macon, GA
NAESM, Inc.	Atlanta, GA
NARAN	Jonesboro, AR
NASTAD	Washington, D.C.
National Association for County Community and Economic Development	Washington, D.C.
National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition	Washington, D.C.
National Black Justice Coalition	Washington, D.C.
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD)	Washington, D.C.
National Coalition for LGBT Health	Washington, D.C.
National Coalition for the Homeless	Washington, D.C.
National Community Development Association	Washington, D.C.
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)	Washington, D.C.
National Health Care for the Homeless Council	Baltimore, MD
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty	Washington, D.C.

National NeighborWorks Association	Washington, D.C.
National Network to End Domestic Violence	Washington, D.C.
National Working Positive Coalition	New York, NY
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice	Washington, D.C.
NKAC	Washington, D.C.
NMAC	Washington, D.C.
NNEDV	Washington, D.C.
North Carolina AIDS Action Network	Raleigh, NC
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition	Raleigh, NC
North Jersey Community Reseach Initiative	Newark, NJ
Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network	Jonesboro, AR
NsideOut Excellence	Matthews, NC
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	Cleveland, OH
Office of Health Policy and AIDS Funding	New Orleans, LA
Older Women Embracing Life	Baltimore, MD
OLSHA	Pontiac MI
one-n-ten	Phoenix, AZ
Open Door Clinic of Greater Elgin	Elgin, IL
Open Hand Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Organizational Empowerment	Atlanta, GA
Osborne Association	Bronx, NY
Our House of Portland	Portland, OR
OWEL	Baltimore, MD
	West Palm Beach, FL
Palm Beach HIV Care Council	
Partners in Nutrition Indiana	Indianapolis, IN
Partnership Project	Portland, OR
Patricia Wright	Philadelphia, PA
Penn, Inc.	Decater, GA
Philadelphia HIV/AIDS Advisory Board	Philadelphia, PA
Phoenix Pride Incorporated	Phoenix, AZ
Positive Impact Health Centers	Duluth, GA
Positive Wellness Alliance	Lexington, NC
Positive Women's Network	United States
Power of Diversity	Chapel Hill, NC
Poz Military Veterans USA INTL	Atlanta, GA
Praxis Housing Inirtiatives, Inc	New York, NY
PrEP4All	New York, NY
Presbyterian AIDS Network (PAN) PC USA	Washington, D.C.
Prevention Access Campaign	Brooklyn, NY
Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS	Birmingham, AL

Progressive People Living with HIV	Harare, Zimbabwe
Project Hospitality	Staten Island, NY
Project Inform	San Francisco, CA
Project PLASE	Baltimore, MD
Project Safety Net NY	Hauppauge, NY
Project Vida, Inc.	Chicago, IL
Project Weber/RENEW	Providence, RI
Puerto Rico Department of Health	San Juan, PR
PWQ Coalition of Dallas Inc. - AIDS Services of Dallas	Dallas, TX
	Jackson Heights, NY
Queens Pride House	NY
Quest Center For Integrative Health	Portland, OR
Right to Health (R2H Actoin)	Baltimore, MD
RAIN	Charlotte, NC
RAIN Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, OK
Rainbow Health Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN
Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, Inc.	Decatur, GA
Regional AIDS Intercommunity Network	Oklahoma City, OK
Regional Housing Partnership LLC	Charlotte, NC
Ribbon	Largo, MD
Richard's Place Inc.	Waukesha, WI
Rocky Mountain CARES	Denver, CO
Rowan Helping Ministries	Salisbury, NC
Rural AIDS Action Network	St. Cloud, MN
Rural Health Service Providers Network	Lost River, WV
San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA)	San Antonio, TX
Saint John's Hospice	Philadelphia, PA
St. Louis Effort for AIDS	St. Louis, MO
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco, CA
SAVE, Inc.	Kansas City, MO
Selma AIR	Selma, AL
Sero Project	Nashua, NH
Services for the UnderServed	New York, NY
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)	Washington, D.C.
Shanti	San Francisco, CA
Shelter Resources, Inc. - Belle Reve NOLA	New Orleans, LA
Shepherd Wellness Community	Pittsburgh, PA
Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation	Auburn, CA
Solutions NOT Punishment Collaborative, Inc.	East Point
Sonya's House Inc.	Dallas, TX

South Sudan Network of PLHIV (SSNeP+)	Juba, South Sudan
Southern AIDS Coalition	Birmingham, AL
	Colorado Springs, CO
Southern Colorado Health Network	
Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force	Nashua, NH
Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS	Phoenix, AZ
SSTAR	Fall River, MA
Status: Home, Inc.	Atlanta, GA
StayWell Health Center	Waterbury, CT
STIGMAAside	Charlotte, NC
SunServe	Wilton Manors, FL
Swaziland Posetive Living (SWAPOL)	Manzini, Swaziland
Tenn Community Outreach Initiative (TCOI)	Tennessee
Team Management 2000 Inc.	Newark, New Jersey
The Afiya Center	Dallas, TX
The AIDS Institute	Washington, D.C.
The Aliveness Project, Inc.	Minneapolis, MN
The Boulevard	Chicago, IL
The Counter Narrative Project	Atlanta, GA
The Grapevine HIV/AIDS Foundation, Inc.	Dallas, TX
The Health Trust	San Jose, CA
The Kelsey	United States
The Matrix Consulting, LLC	Morgantown, WV
The Open Door Inc.	Pittsburgh, PA
The PoZitive2PoSitive Initiative	Atlanta, GA
The Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS	Birmingham, AL
The Strilite Foundation, Inc.	Little Rock, AR
The Urban Advocate	Atlanta, GA
The Well Project	Brooklyn, NY
The Women's Collective	Washington, D.C.
The Yvette A. Flunder Foundation	Oakland, CA
TheLaStraw, Inc	Greensboro, NC
Thomas Judd Care Center	Traverse City, MI
Thrive Alabama	Huntsville, AL
Thrive SS	Atlanta, GA
Townspeople	San Diego, CA
Trans Housing Atlanta Program	Atlanta, GA
Transgender Law Center	Oakland, CA
Traveler's Aid of Metro Atlanta - HOPE Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Treatment Action Group (TAG)	New York, NY
Tri-City Health Center	Fremont, CA

Trillium Health
Trinity Health
True Colors Fund
True Colors United
TruLiving Travel LLC
Tulsa CARES
U=U U.S.
UAB 1917 Clinic at Dewberry
UNIFIED - HIV, Health & Beyond
United Way of Long Island
Unity Fellowship of Christ Church NYC
Unity Wellness Center
University of Georgia
Upstate University Hospital
Us Helping Us
Valley AIDS Council
Vecino Group
Visible Truth 365
Vivent Health
VOCAL New York
W.O.R.L.D
Wake County Human Services
Wayne State University Prevention Team
We The People PA
Wellness Services, Inc.
West Branch Pride
Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP)
Youth and Aged Foundation
Youth and AIDS Projects
YWCA of St. Paul

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Detroit, MI
Deer Park, NY
New York, NY
Opelika, AL
Decatur, GA
Syracuse, NY
Washington, D.C.
Texas
Springfield, MO
Philadelphia, PA
United States
Brooklyn, NY
Oakland, CA
Raleigh, NC
Detroit, MI
Harrisburg, PA
Flint, MI
Williamsport, PA
Asheville, NC
Sunyani, Ghana
Minneapolis, MN
Saint Paul, MN