

September 19, 2018

The Honorable Ed Royce

The Honorable Eliot Engel

The Honorable Chris Smith

The Honorable Karen Bass

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

The Honorable Barbara Lee

Dear Members of Congress:

The undersigned organizations welcome the introduction of the *PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018*. This legislation is an affirmation of the bipartisan 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 and the Global Fund's support, countries are making historic gains towards ending the AIDS epidemic – and with continued Congressional commitment, ending AIDS as a public health threat can become the biggest global health triumph of our lifetimes. PEPFAR and the Global Fund are unmitigated success stories that have saved tens of millions of lives and put destabilized countries back on the path towards prosperity.

As advocacy, medical, research, implementing and faith based organizations we are devoted to ensuring that PEPFAR and the Global Fund remain 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,