



April 25, 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 461 national, state, local organizations, and concerned citizens write to express our strong support to fund Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program 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](#) in which found that nationally, only 1 in 4 (27.7%) 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 also found 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)



Alameda County	
Alameda Health System	
Alamo Area Resource Center	
Albany Damien Center	
Aliveness Project	
Alliance for Housing and Healing	
Alliance for Positive Change	
Alliance for Positive Health	
Allies for Health + Wellbeing	
American Academy of HIV Medicine	
Amida Care Inc.	
Aniz, Inc.	
Antioch Urban Ministries Inc.	
APEB/OAKLAND	
APLA Health	
APLA Health	
Appalachian Learning Initiative Inc	
Archway Investment Corp.	
Argus Community, Inc.	
Arianna's Center	
Arianna's Center PR	
Arkansas RAPPS	
Aspirations	
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	
Atlanta Coalition for LGBTQ Youth	
Atlanta Pride Committee	
BACS	
Belle Reve New Orleans	
Berkeley Drop In Center	
BII	
Bill's Kitchen, Inc.	San Juan, PR
Birmingham AIDS Outreach	Birmingham, AL
Black AIDS Institute	Los Angeles, CA
Blossoming In Red Inc.	Valdosta, GA
Brave Space Alliance	Chicago, IL
Brentwood Community Foundation	Houston, TX
Bridging Access To Care	Brooklyn, NY



Brilliant Corners	San Francisco, CA
Broward Regional Health Planning Council	Hollywood, FL
Buddies of NJ, Inc	Hackensack
Butterfly Girls, LLC	Marietta, GA
CAEAR Coalition	Washington, DC
CAL PEP	Oakland, CA
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center	New York, NY
CAN Community Health	Sarasota, FL
Caracole	Cincinnati, OH
Care Alliance Health Center	Cleveland, OH
CARES of Southwest Michigan	Southwest Michigan
Carolinas CARE Partnership	Charlotte, NC
Casa de hope	San Antonio, TX
Cascade AIDS Project	Portland, OR
Cass Community Social Services, Inc.	Detroit, MI
Catholic Charities	San Francisco, CA
CCasaYSalud	Chicago, IL
Cempa Community Care	Chattanooga TN
Center For Black Equity-Baltimore	Baltimore, MD
Center for Disability Rights	Washington, DC
Center for Housing & Health	Chicago, IL
Center on Halsted	Chicago, IL
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers	Ft. 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
Chrryialis 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, Arkansas	Fort Smith, AR
City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL
City of New Orleans	Baton Rouge, LA
City of Providence	Providence, RI
Clare Housing	Minneapolis, MN
Cleveland Dept. of Public Health, Div. HIV/AIDS	Cleveland, OH
CNY HIV Care Network	Central New York
Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation	Corpus Christi, TX
Collaborative Solutions	Birmingham, AL
Colorado Community Land Trust	Denver, CO
Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)	Colorado
Columbus House, Inc.	New Haven, CT
Community Access National Network (CANN)	Washington, DC
Community Advocate	Mobile, AL
Community Advocate	San Antonio, TX
Community Advocate	Durham
Community Advocate	Boston, MA
Community Advocate	San Leandro, CA
Community Advocate	San Francisco, CA
Community Advocate	Randallstown
Community AIDS Resource and Education Services	Kalamazoo
Community Education Group	Lost River
Community Scape Services, Inc.	Stone Mountain, GA
Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers	New Orleans, LA
Congreso	Philadelphia, PA
Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)	New York, NY
Council of State Community Development Agencies	Washington, DC
Covid Clinic, Inc.	Long Beach, CA
Crescent Care	New Orleans, LA
Dallas County Ryan White Planning Council	Dallas, TX
Damien Center	Indianapolis, IN



DAP Health	Palm Springs, CA
DC Fights Back!!	Washington, DC
Dekalb Young Democrats	Tucker, GA
Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corp	Denver, CO
Delaware HIV Consortium	Delaware (statewide)
Delaware Housing Assistance Program	Wilmington, DE
Demontico Anderson	Durham, NC
Department of Housing Municipality of San Juan	San Juan Puerto Rico
Derek Silva Community	San Francisco, 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
Empire Homes of Maryland, Inc.	Baltimore, MD
Empower U, Inc. Community Health Center	Miami, FL
End AIDS Now	New York, NY
EOCP	Oakland, CA
Equality California	California
Equality North Carolina	Raleigh, NC
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	National
Family Initiative of the CSRA, Inc.	Augusta
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Five Horizons Health Services	Tuscaloosa, AL
Five Horizons Health Services	Montgomery, AL
Five Horizons Health Services	Tuscaloosa, AL
Foothill AIDS Project	Claremont
Foothill AIDS Project	San Bernardino, CA
Franhoco Corporation	Kelayres, PA
Frannie Peabody Center	Portland, ME
Friends For Life	Mememphis, TN
Friends of Peter	Saint Louis, MO



Fulton County	Atlanta, GA
Gaston Family Health Services	Gastonia, NC
Georgia AIDS Coalition	Snellville, GA
Georgia Equality	Atlanta, GA
Golden Rainbow	Las Vegas, NV
Grace House	Jackson, MI
Grady Health Systems	Atlanta, GA
Grady IDP	Atlanta, GA
Greater Community AIDS Project (GCAP)	Chamapign IL
Gregory House Programs	Honolulu, HI
Grounded Solutions Network	National
HAART Oakland	Oakland, CA
Harlem United	New York, NY
Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center	Honolulu, HI
Health Services Center, Inc.	Anniston, AL
HealthHIV	Washington, DC
Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center	Fort Smith, AR
Heartland CARES, Inc.	Paducah, KY
Heather Ivy	Atlanta, GA
HELP Of Southern Nevada	Las Vegas, NV
HEMA UNIVERSAL COMMUNITY SERVICES, Inc.	Wichita KS
HERE'S TO LIFE	Atlanta, GA
Highland Adult Immunology Clinic	Oakland CA
Hlghland Hospital	Oakland, CA
Hispanic AIDS Forum	New York, NY
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute	Washington, DC
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan	Michigan
HIV Dental Alliance	Atlanta, GA
HIV Medicine Association	Arlington, VA
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute	Washington, DC
HOGAR., Inc.	New York, NY
HomeFront	Lawrenceville, NJ
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc.	Winter Park, FL
HOPE Atlanta	Atlanta, GA



Hope D.C.	Washington D.C.
Hope Haven Inc	Charlotte, NC
Hope House of St. Croix Valley	Stillwater
Hope In The End	Charlotte, NC
HOPWA Consumer	Baltimore, MD
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
Howard Brown Health	Chicago, IL
Hudson County Housing Resource Center	Jersey City, NJ
Human Rights Campaign	Washington, DC
iHealth NYS	New York, NY
iknowAwareness LLC	Atlanta, GA
Impulse Group DC	Washington, DC
Independent Community Health Educator	Cleveland, OH
Intercambios Puerto Rico	Fajardo, Puerto Rico
Interfaith Medical Center - One Brooklyn Health	Brooklyn, NY
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC)	Washington, DC
IRIS HOUSE, INC	NY, NY
Jerusalem House, Inc.	Atlanta, GA
Jewish Family Services	Columbus, OH
John Snow, Inc. (JSI)	Boston, MA
JustUs Health	St Paul, MN
Juxtaposed Center for Transformation, Inc	Stone Mountain, GA
Kaiser	Oakland, CA
Katherine Dillon	Arlington, VA
Kerrick Mollice	Dallas, TX
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
Legal Aid Service of Broward County	Plantation, FL
Lehigh Valley Health Network	Allentown, PA
Lets Kick ASS AIDS Survivor Syndrome	San Francisco, CA
LGBT	Norfolk, VA
Liberty Community Services	New Haven, CT
Lomia Sharpe	McDonough, GA
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, Puerto Rico
Making A Way Housing	Atlanta, GA
Mathew's Place	Atlanta, GA
Matthew's Place	Atlanta, GA
Mental Health Assoc. of San Mateo Co.	Redwood City, CA
Mercy Care	Atlanta, GA
MFA	Albuquerque, NM
Michele Daniels	Lancaster, CA
Michigan HIV/AIDS Coalition of Michigan	Michigan
Municipality of San Juan	San Juan, Puerto Rico
NAACP	National
NACCED	Washington, DC
NAESM Men's Health and Wellness Center	Atlanta, GA
NAESM, Inc.	Atlanta, GA
NARAN	Jonesboro, AR
Nashville CARES	Nashville, TN
NASTAD	Washington, DC
National Alliance to End Homelessness	Washington, DC



National Association for County Community and Economic Development	Washington, DC
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials	Washington, DC
National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition	Washington, DC
National Coalition for the Homeless	Washington, DC
National Coalition of STD Directors	Washington, DC
National Community Development Association	Washington, DC
National Disability Rights Network	Washington, DC
National Housing Conference	Washington, DC
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty	Washington, DC
National Low Income Housing Coalition	Washington, DC
National NeighborWorks Association	Washington, DC
National Network to End Domestic Violence	Washington, DC
National Partnership for Women & Families	Washington, DC
National Working Positive Coalition	New York, NY
National Working Positive Coalition	State College, PA
NC AIDS Action	Durham, NC
NC AIDS Action Network	Raleigh, NC
Neighborhood Development Collaborative	Denver, CO
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice	Washington, DC
New Orleans Health Department	New Orleans, LA
NKAC	Washington, DC
NMAC	Washington, DC
North Carolina AIDS Action Network	Raleigh, NC



North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition	Raleigh, NC
Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network	Jonesboro, AR
NsideOut Excellence	Matthews, NC
Odyssey House, LA Inc.	New Orleans, LA
Office of Health Policy and AIDS Funding	New Orleans, LA
Older Women Embracing Life	Baltimore, MD
OLSHA	Pontiac MI
ONE Community	Phoenix
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
Palm Beach HIV Care Council	Palm Beach County, FL
Partners in Nutrition Indiana	Indianapolis, IN
Partnership Project	Portland, OR
Pathways to Housing PA	Philadelphia, PA
Patricia Wright	Philadelphia, PA
PCAF	Tacoma, WA
Penn Inc	Decanter, GA
Personal	Atlanta, GA
Peter & Paul Community Services	St. Louis, MO
PFLAG National	Washington, DC
Philadelphia HIV/AIDS Advisory Board	Philadelphia, PA
Phoenix Pride Incorporated	Phoenix, AZ
Point Source Youth	New York, NY
Positive Impact Health Centers	Atlanta, GA
Positive Impact Health Centers	Duluth, GA
Positive People Network	Fort Wayne
Positive Wellness Alliance	Lexington NC
POSITIVE Women's Network USA-SC	Columbia, SC
Positive Women's Network - USA	National



Positive Women's Network	Fort Wayne, IN
Positive Women's Network	PWN
Positive Women's Network	Allies USA. IN.
Positive Women's Network-USA	Oakland, CA
Positive Women's Network-USA	national
Positive Women's Network-USA	Atlanta, GA
Power of Diversity	Chapel Hill, NC
Poz Military and Veterans USA INTL	Atlanta, GA
Praxis Housing Initiatives, Inc	NYC, NY
PrEP4All	New York, NY
Presbyterian AIDS Network (PAN) PC USA	Washington, DC
Prevention Access Campaign	Brooklyn, NY
Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS	Birmingham, AL
Progressive people living with HIV	Harare
project hospitality	Staten Island, NY
Project PLASE, Inc	Baltimore, MD
Project Response Inc.	Melbourne, FL
Project Safety Net NY	Hauppauge, NY
Project Weber/RENEW	Providence, RI
Puerto Rico Department of Health	San Juan, Puerto Rico
PWN	Wilmington, NC
PWQ Coalition of Dallas Inc. d/b/a AIDS Services of Dallas	Dallas TX
Queens Pride House	Jackson Heights, NY
Quest Center For Integrative Health	Portland, OR
R2H Actoin [Right to Health]	Baltimore, MD
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition	Dunkirk
RAIN Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, OK
RAIN	Charlotte, NC
Rainbow Health Minnesota	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, Inc	Atlanta, GA
Region 10 CCAB	Greenville, NC
Regional AIDS Intercommunity Network	Oklahoma City, OK



Regional Housing Partnership LLC	Charlotte, SC
Resource Center	Dallas, TX
RESULTS	Washington, DC
Retired federal executive	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Richard's Place Inc.	Waukesha, WI
Rocky Mountain CARES;	Denver, CO
Rowan Helping Ministries	Salisbury, NC
Rural Health Service Providers Network	Lost River, WV
Ryan Alvey	Norfolk, VA
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition	Arlington, VA
Ryan White Planning Council	Atlanta, GA
SAGE	New York, NY
SAHA	San Antonio, TX
Saint John's Hospice	Philadelphia, PA
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Community Health Center	San Francisco, CA
SAVE, Inc.	Kansas City, MO
Selma AIR	Selma, AL
Sero Project	Nashua, NH
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)	Washington, DC
Shelter Resources, Inc. d.b.a. Belle Reve NOLA	New Orleans, LA
Shepherd Wellness Community	Pittsburgh, PA
Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation	Auburn, CA
Silver State Equality	Nevada
Sioux Falls Housing	Sioux Falls, SD
Solutions NOT Punishment Collaborative, Inc.	East Point, GA
Someone Cares, Inc. of Atlanta	Marietta, GA
Sonya's House Inc	Dallas TX
Southern AIDS Coalition	Birmingham, AL
Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force	Nashua, NH
Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS	Phoenix AZ
SSTAR	Fall River, MA
St. Louis Effort for AIDS	St. Louis, MO



St. Stephen's Ministry	Augusta, GA.
Staywell Health	Waterbury, CT
SunServe	Wilton Manors, FL
Swaziland Posetive Living (SWAPOL).	Manzini- Eswatini.
TCOI(Tenn Community Outreach Initiative) formally TAPWA	Tennessee
The Afiya Center	Dallas, TX
The AIDS Institute	Washington, DC
The Aliveness Project, Inc	Minneapolis, MN
The Arc for the River Valley	Fort Smith, AR
The Counter Narrative Project	Atlanta, GA
The Health Trust	San Jose, CA
The Legal Aid Society	New York, NY
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 Puerto Rican Cultural Center	Chicago, IL
The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
The Strilite Foundation, Inc.	Little Rock
The Urban Advocate	Atlanta, GA
The Well Project	Brooklyn, NY
The Yvette A. Flunder Foundation	Oakland, CA
TheLaStraw, Inc	Greensboro, NC
Thomas Judd Care Center at Munson Medical Center	Traverse City, MI
Thrive Alabama	Huntsville, AL
THRIVE SS Inc	East Point, GA
THRIVE SS	Atlanta, GA
Townspeople	San Diego, CA
TPAN	Chicago, IL
Trans Housing Atlanta Program	Atlanta, GA
Transgender Law Center	Oakland, CA
Treatment Action Group (TAG)	New York, NY
Triad Health Project	Greensboro, NC
Tri-City Health Center	Fremont, CA



Trillium Health	Rochester, NY
True Colors Fund	Washington, DC
True Colors United	Washington, DC
Tulsa CARES	Tulsa, OK
U.S. People Living with HIV Caucus	Washington, D.C.
U=U U.S.	Calabasas, CA
UAB 1917 Clinic	Birmingham, AL
UNIFIED - HIV, Health & Beyond	Detroit, MI
Union for Reform Judaism	Washington, DC
United Way of Long Island	Deer Park, NY
Unity Fellowship of Christ Church NYC	NY, NY
Unity Wellness Center	Opelika, AL
University of Georgia	Decatur, GA
Us Helping Us	Washington, DC
VAC Westbrook Clinics	Harlingen, TX
Valley AIDS Council	Harlingen, TX
Valley AIDS Council	McAllen, TX
Valley AIDS Council	Brownsville, TX
Valley AIDS Council	Harlingen, TX
Vecino Group	Springfield, MO
Vivent Health	Colorado
Vivent Health	Missouri
Vivent Health	Wisconsin
Vivent Health	National
Vivent Health	Texas
VOCAL-NY	Bronx
W.O.R.L.D	Oakland, CA
Wake County Human Services	Raleigh NC
Wanda Cruz-Lopez	New York, NY
We The People-PA	Harrisburg, PA
West Branch Pride	Williamsport, PA
Western Colorado Health Network	Grand Junction, CO
Western North Carolina AIDS Project	Asheville, NC
Western North Carolina Community Health	Asheville, NC
WORLD	Oakland, CA
Yolanda Jones	Dallas, TX



YOUTH AND AGED FOUNDATION	GHANA, SUNYANI
Youth and AIDS Projects	Minneapolis MN