

This World AIDS Day, Tell Congress #SaveHIVFunding!

This World AIDS Day's theme is *World AIDS Day 35: Remember & Commit*. As we honor the lives of those affected by HIV, we must unfortunately fight a new battle as some leaders in Congress fail to honor their commitment to ending the HIV epidemic by 2030. The LHHS Subcommittee in the House of Representatives is proposing \$767 million in cuts to domestic HIV funding for FY 2024, including to the Ryan White Program and the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative (EHE). **Join us in telling Congress to #SaveHIVFunding by sending letters to your representatives [here](#).**

The bill also proposes to drastically cut funding for the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, which seeks to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in HIV. The bill completely eliminates funding for Minority AIDS Initiative Funding within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration and cuts the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund by 53%.

These funding cuts would eliminate core activities of EHE, reverse recent progress in bringing down new HIV infections, and leave state and local health departments and community-based organizations without needed funding to provide services to their community.

This is why the **[FINAL #]** advocacy organizations listed below have launched the #SaveHIVFunding campaign, to gather support from community, advocates, and leaders in Congress to challenge this proposal and keep the commitment to ending the HIV epidemic by 2030. The movement to end the HIV epidemic cannot survive such drastic cuts. HIV has historically been a bipartisan issue, including the EHE initiative which was launched under the Trump Administration in 2019. In contrast to the House, the bipartisan LHHS Subcommittee in the Senate has largely maintained HIV funding for FY24 and even included a proposed increase of \$3 million dollars to continue the fight to end the epidemic and begin work toward a National PrEP Program.

In addition to telling Congress to #SaveHIVFunding by sending [letters to your representatives](#), we also have a [#SaveHIVFunding social media toolkit](#) that you and your organization can use to urge our leaders in Congress to #SaveHIVFunding.



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