

October 4, 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,

We the undersigned faith-centered organizations are on the front lines throughout the world offering healing, care and comfort to the neediest and least fortunate. In this battle to reduce suffering, America's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program has had an enormous impact on saving lives, preventing HIV infection, and caring for orphans. It has portrayed the United States as a caring and compassionate country and has created goodwill in every country it reaches. Because PEPFAR is such a critical program, we wholeheartedly support efforts in Congress today to extend it into the future. We therefore encourage you to do everything possible to pass the PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013.

Because PEPFAR has enjoyed broad bipartisan support in the past, we are encouraged that we will see that happen again. While PEPFAR has helped many of us directly in our work, all of us have seen its extraordinary results. We see the potential of AIDS being defeated as a major disease, an accomplishment none of us felt possible only a few years ago. PEPFAR also benefits in conquering tuberculosis and malaria, as well as treatment of various opportunistic infections. Finally, PEPFAR provides major resources for the care and support of orphans and hurting youth throughout the world, both young girls and boys.

The PEPFAR program is consistent with our faith values and programs. We stand ready to help in any way we can.

A Call to Serve
Adventist Development and Relief Agency
Affordable Medicines For Africa, South Africa
Africa Christian Health Associations Platform
Africa Hospice Initiative
Afro-Medical Community Health and Welfare Services, Liberia
AMFA Foundation
Assemblies of God World Missions
Balm in Gilead
BethanyKids

Blessings International
Bread for the World
Bridge Initiative Missions, Ghana
Byas Foundation, Canada
Catholic Medical Mission Board
Center for the Church and Global AIDS
Children's AIDS Fund
Christ Gospel Ministries, India
Christian AIDS Bureau for Southern Africa
Christian AIDS/HIV National Alliance, India
Christian Assembly of Chad
Christian Connections for International Health
Christian Health Association of Ghana
Christian Health Association of Nigeria
Christian HIV and AIDS Network of Liberia (CHANOL)
Christian Medical Association
Christian Relief and Development
Christians Assemblies of Chad
Church World Service
Churches Health Association of Zambia
Converge Worldwide
Country Christian AIDS Network, Burkina Faso
Daima Widows Orphans & the Aged Home-based Care, Kenya
Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Expanded Church Response, Zambia
Food for the Hungry
Friends of Shirati
He Intends Victory
Health Education Program For Developing Countries
IMA World Health
Institute for Youth Development
International Aid
Kerus Global Education
Least of These Ministries
LifeRise AIDS Resources
Little White Chapel by the Wayside
Mama Makeka House of Hope, DR Congo
MAP International
Medical Compass
Medical Teams International
Medicus Christi
Mennonite Central Committee
Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship
Muslim Family Counselling Services, Ghana
National Association of Evangelicals

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
New Community Church
Okaalet and Associates, Kenya
Organisation of African Instituted Churches
PACANet-USA
Peacemakers International
Protestant Council of Churches of Cameroon
Saddleback Church
Science with a Mission
SIL LEAD
Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau
United Methodist Church – General Board of Church and Society
United Methodist Global AIDS Fund Committee
World Relief
World Renew
World Vision
Zimbabwe Association of Church-Related Hospitals