

September 11, 2023

To the Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

To the Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell,

The 35 undersigned organizations are implementers, advocates, and supporters of U.S. global health programs. As faith-based organizations, we are called to tend to the sick, the poor and the hungry. We write to urge you in a united and unshakable voice to pass a clean, five-year reauthorization for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) before its expiration on September 30.

PEPFAR has had the broad support of Congress since it was created in 2003 by President George W. Bush (*with such margins as an 80-16 vote in the Senate and 375-41 in the House*). Since that time, PEPFAR has saved the lives of over 25 million people, provided treatment for 20.1 million people, prevented mother-to-child transmission for 5.5 million babies, and provided care to 7 million orphans and vulnerable children. This [success](#) has fueled PEPFAR reauthorization three times.

Today, we are very close to achieving the goal of an AIDS-free generation. This is the worst time to see this flagship program in danger of not being reauthorized, and jeopardizing the results and investments made over these last 20 years.

PEPFAR serves as a flagship initiative demonstrating the impact and leadership of the United States around the world. As an interagency program, PEPFAR has achieved remarkable success, partnering with global and local organizations, many of which are faith-based. The faith community has been integral to PEPFAR's success, and PEPFAR's support has been instrumental in providing resources and technical assistance that enable faith-based organizations to serve those in most need. Among these are the vibrant network of high capacity Christian Health Associations and many small independent organizations and facilities, who meet the needs of millions of people.

As champions for PEPFAR, we thank you for your past support of this life-saving, bipartisan program and ask for your leadership in ensuring it continues its work through a clean, five-year reauthorization.

Sincerely,

Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
African Christian Health Association Platform (ACHAP)  
African Mission Healthcare  
American Hindu World Service (AHWS)  
Bread for the World  
Christian Connections for International Health  
Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone  
Communauté Baptiste au Centre de l'Afrique  
Covenant World Relief & Development  
Disabled Children's Fund  
Ensemble pour la SANTé et le Développement holistique en milieu Rural et périurbain  
(ESADER)  
ESPOIR DE LA FAMILLE  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
FAITH APOSTOLIC MISSION INTERNATIONAL CHURCH  
Faiths for Safe Water  
Food for the Hungry  
Friends of Kijabe  
Global Anabaptist Health Network  
Global Ministries United Methodist Church  
IMA World Health/Corus International  
ISAIAH 58 CARE FOUNDATION  
Lutheran Church in Liberia HIV and AIDS Program  
MAMA Project  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Medical Mission Exchange  
Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness  
SIL International  
Sojourners  
The Episcopal Church  
United Church of Christ, Justice and Local Church Ministries  
World Mission Prayer League (LAMB Hospital)  
World Relief  
World Renew  
World Vision  
World Without Orphans Global

Identical letter sent to:

Honorable Robert Menendez, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
Honorable James Risch, Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House  
Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Democratic Leader  
Honorable Micheal McCaul, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee  
Honorable Gregory Meeks, Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee