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 pérurbain (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