

November 8, 2021

The Honorable Joseph. R. Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Anthony Blinken
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. President, Secretary Blinken and Secretary Becerra:

This year's World AIDS Day (December 1) marks a year of many important milestones for the fight against HIV/AIDS. This year, we commemorated the 40th anniversary of the CDC's first official recognition of the disease. Since then, the U.S. has worked to address the pandemic through the Biden/Harris's Administration's support for the *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.* (EHE) initiative and the pending White House release of the revised *National HIV/AIDS Strategy* (NHAS). Globally, the U.S. and partners have worked to cut HIV-related deaths in half since the peak in 2006 and provide access to life-saving antiretroviral treatment to 18.4 million people through the PEPFAR program.

This pivotal year in the global fight to end HIV by 2030 presents an opportunity for the Biden/Harris Administration to recommit to ending the HIV pandemic in the U.S. and abroad. A White House-hosted event would show the U.S.'s leadership in the national and global fight and spur the redoubling of efforts to reach our goals.

We thank you for your time and your efforts in supporting the HIV response. Should questions arise, if you need additional information, or if you or your staff would like to meet with members of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership or the Global AIDS Policy Partnership to discuss these

issues, please contact Mike Weir (FAPP Co-Chair) (mweir@nastad.org) or Kevin Fisher GAPP Co-Chair (kevin@avac.org).

Sincerely,

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