



Dear Speaker Boehner and Majority Leader Reid:

Congress must protect the global health budget, which includes the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), from damaging cuts. Since 2003 when President George W. Bush partnered with Congress to create PEPFAR, it has saved the lives of 3.2 million people living with HIV and AIDS.

We commend Congress’s legacy of bipartisan leadership on PEPFAR, and we call on you to continue this legacy by supporting the United States Global Health Initiative (GHI) and all its lifesaving programs. **The GHI is the natural evolution of PEPFAR**, which proved to the world once and for all that poor countries can and must be partners in managing complicated health delivery.

Now more than ever, the US cannot afford to abandon its legacy of global health leadership and the far-reaching impact it has made around the world.

Sincerely,

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