

CALL TO ACTION

To reduce the incidence of HIV infection in the U.S. and around the world, expand access to quality care, and accelerate progress on improved prevention and treatment options, amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, urges the U.S. government to:

- 1 Increase funding for HIV/AIDS research.** *To advance research on prevention (e.g. behavioral interventions, pre-exposure prophylaxis, microbicides, and HIV vaccines), better treatments, and a cure, Congress should expand federal investment in AIDS and other health research at the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies.*
- 2 Implement evidence-based AIDS policies:**
 - **Develop and implement a comprehensive National AIDS Strategy.** *The Executive Branch and Congress should engage a range of stakeholders in creating a Strategy that promotes coordination, accountability, evidence-based policy, and a renewed focus on improved outcomes in the domestic response to HIV/AIDS.*
 - **Remove the ban on federal funding for syringe exchange programs.** *Congress should remove language in appropriations legislation prohibiting local and state governments from using federal funds to implement evidence-based prevention programming.*
 - **Promote comprehensive, evidence-based sex education.** *Congress should increase support for evidence-based, age-appropriate HIV and sex education programs.*
 - **Expand the federal government's global HIV/AIDS programs.** *Congress should fully fund PEPFAR and other global health programs at least at the levels authorized and ensure they include evidence-based programming.*
 - **End the travel and immigration ban for HIV-positive people.** *The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should remove HIV from the list of inadmissible conditions of public health significance in immigration guidelines.*
- 3 Target HIV prevention and treatment interventions to vulnerable populations.** *Domestic and global AIDS programming should make it a priority to reach vulnerable populations—including communities of color, men who have sex with men (MSM), women, injection drug users, sex workers, and others—with prevention and treatment services.*

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