

Strengthening organizations' ability to support women in creating and maintaining healthy lives, families and communities.

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RE: Restore & Increase OWH and OMH Community-Based HIV Funding for Women and Minorities in the United States and Territories, particularly Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

On behalf of the National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC), I submit the efforts of a four (4) months campaign to restore and increase OWH and OWH Community-Based HIV Funding for Women and Minorities. Composed of organizations working collaboratively across the United States, the National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC) is a mission driven organization dedicated to strengthening organizations' ability to support women in creating and maintaining healthy lives, families and communities.

While we are truly thankful and appreciative of the gains the federal government has made to address HIV preliminary as a result of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Interagency Taskforce on Women, HIV and Violence. We, like you, are also well aware that numerous social determinants of health and their interrelationship such as poverty, homelessness/unstable housing and trauma in the form of sexual abuse/intimate partner/gender based violence combine to place women at continued risk for HIV and/or complicate their ability to obtain services. As a result, the HIV Continuum of Care indicates that 15% of women do not know their HIV status and only 26% of women living with HIV are virally suppressed. Compounding the everyday realities faced by these women is the specter of a budget sequester and a government standstill on food stamps, shelter and other essential human need. Unfortunately both actions have worked to generate more demand for those services from nonprofits that provide.

Fully supporting the capacity of women focused organizations will enable all of us who care about the lives and health of women impacted by HIV. This belief is supported by the many individuals who supported and signed our petition to restore and increase OWH and OMH community-based HIV funding for women and minorities in the United States and Territories, particularly Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Attached to this letter are four documents: 1) The full petition statement, 2) petition signatures, 3) comments of supporters which more fully tells the story of the need for this funding and 4) a NWAC issued press release on this matter.

NWAC would like to work with your designated representative to address this funding shortfall. I can be reached via email at brosnan@christiesplace.org and phone (619) 702-4186 x 210 if you have any questions or comments pertaining to this issue.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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ACTUAL WORDING OF PETITION

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius: Restore & Increase Community-Based HIV Funding for Women and Minorities

We remind the nation, our elected representatives and national HIV advocacy organizations that now is not the time to divest public and private investments in community based organizations that provide critical support to women and girls impacted by HIV. Rather, now is the time to continue and scale up support for gender-responsive services that enhance the longevity, health and quality of life for all women and girls in order to continue the downward trend and end AIDS amongst this population group.

Ending AIDS can be achieved if the federal and state governments, as well as foundations and private funders, fully support and involve organizations that are led by and serve women and girls vulnerable to or living with HIV. Advocates for women express grave concern about a trajectory of disinvestment in women-led and serving HIV organizations, and the consequent dwindling of community-based programs and services, during Affordable Care Act implementation.

The history of HIV shows that culturally relevant and gender-responsive supportive services, including psychosocial support, treatment literacy, case management, and transportation are necessary strategies to reach and engage women and girls in medical care. Yet with the diminishing investment in women-focused organizations and services, it's not clear that ACA implementation will have an HIV infrastructure to build on.

Reductions in funding are not just a result of the changes in philanthropy trends but also reflect a shifting public funding environment. The budget sequester and recent policy decisions demonstrate a skewing of priorities away from community-based organizations primarily serving women. Both the US Office on Women's Health (OWH) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH) budget line items for supporting community based organizations that serve females and minorities impacted by HIV were eliminated in the President's Budget for FY2014.

These funding cuts, totaling approximately \$3.3 million will not only affect service delivery but will also weaken the infrastructure of the major organizing forces in our communities: women and nonprofit organizations. Women make up the vast majority of the nonprofit workforce (73%) and a little under 50% of nonprofit executives. Without opportunities for employment, growth and advancement, women will continue to be economically and civically marginalized and hence likely more vulnerable to HIV infection.

These funding cuts are indicative of what's happening across the board for all women programming in the US. The failure to ensure a full continuum of health and social support services for women, including women impacted by HIV rests with our government's inability to match rhetoric with funding support. HIV requires a response that encompasses more than an emphasis on medical services, say advocates. In order to restore confidence in the administration's commitment to women, NWAC and its member organizations demand that funding be restored and increased for US OWH and US OMH community based HIV initiatives. This funding will strengthen the capacity of domestic nonprofit organizations and programs led-by women to respond effectively to the HIV/AIDS epidemic among women thus reducing the acquisition and transmission of HIV infection.

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Lisa Brashear	Dallaa	Texas	75208	United States	7/22/2013
David Bruny	Brooklyn	New York	11226	United States	7/22/2013
Tara Doyle	Exton	Pennsylvania	19341	United States	7/22/2013
Jessie Henderson	Auburn	Alabama	36830	United States	7/22/2013
Martin Grant	chicago	Illinois	60614	United States	7/22/2013
Marjorie Hall	Hollywood	Florida	33021	United States	7/22/2013
Barbara Bacon	Albuquerque	New Mexico	87109	United States	7/22/2013
Emily Gorman	Casper	Wyoming	82601	United States	7/22/2013
ron jones	winston salem	North Carolina	27101	United States	7/22/2013
Clement Cherlin	Columbus	Indiana	47201	United States	7/22/2013
Charleen Breckenridge	Owings Mills	Maryland	21117	United States	7/22/2013
Hartson Doak	Pearl City	Hawaii	96782	United States	7/22/2013
Steven Fujimoto	Redondo Beach	California	90278	United States	7/22/2013
Ludgi Balan	Deer Park	New York	11729	United States	7/22/2013
LOUJEAN STAUFFER	Corpus Christi	Texas	78404	United States	7/22/2013
Ernest Cooper	Indianapolis	Indiana	46203-5128	United States	7/22/2013
Yonathan Panfilo	Staten Island	New York	10305	United States	7/22/2013
Miguelina Rodriguez	Bronx	New York	10467	United States	7/22/2013
Angel Hector	North Bergen	New Jersey	7047	United States	7/22/2013
Elisabeth Ritter	Schwabach	Delaware	91126	United States	7/22/2013
Gordon Parker III	Albuquerque	New Mexico	87105	United States	7/22/2013
Tom Collins	Castro Valley	California	94552	United States	7/22/2013
Michael Steele	Morrice	Michigan	48857	United States	7/22/2013
Michaela Kissinger	Walnut Creek	California	94597	United States	7/22/2013

Jodi Rowe	West Hills	California	91307	United States	7/22/2013
William Sample	Township of Washington	New Jersey	7676	United States	7/22/2013
Brandon Greeson	Statham	Georgia	30666	United States	7/22/2013
Lolita Develay	Las Vegas	Nevada	89121	United States	7/22/2013
SCOT parks	Jackson	Ohio	45640	United States	7/22/2013
Missie Gilligan	Fairbanks	Alaska	99710	United States	7/22/2013
Erica Cole	Dallas	Texas	75218	United States	7/22/2013
Stacy Weills	Gresham	Oregon	97080	United States	7/22/2013
Monica Castillo	santa ana	California	92704	United States	7/22/2013
Sue&Tom W	Penfield	New York	14625	United States	7/22/2013
Rick Seeley	Portland	Maine	4101	United States	7/22/2013
Jolino Beserra	Los Angeles	California	90039	United States	7/22/2013
Thomas Piper	Laurel	Maryland	20724	United States	7/22/2013
Shanara Peters	Oakdale	California	95361	United States	7/22/2013
lydia garvey	clinton	Oklahoma	73601	United States	7/22/2013
Lauren Tozzi	Seattle	Washington	98103	United States	7/22/2013
susan wolfson	new york	New York	10069	United States	7/22/2013
Jacqueline Mitchell	Las Vegas	Nevada	89113	United States	7/22/2013
Denise Crosby	Boynton Beach	Florida	33436	United States	7/22/2013
Lana La Fata	Florissant	Missouri	63031	United States	7/22/2013
Tracy Holthaus	kansas city	Missouri	64152	United States	7/22/2013
Julia Russell	Sacramento	California	95864	United States	7/22/2013
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Patricia Parker	Antioch	Tennessee	37013	United States	7/22/2013
yvonne Foss	BRONX	New York	`10471	United States	7/22/2013
Elena Diane Smith	Vincennes	Indiana	47591-6036	United States	7/22/2013
Mike PF	Framingham	Massachusetts	1702	United States	7/22/2013
Joseph Rainho	Watertown	Massachusetts	2472	United States	7/22/2013
Enver Mehmeti	lake forest	California	92630	United States	7/22/2013
Lauren Fanning	Lakebay	Washington	98349	United States	7/22/2013
Kay Tiemann	San Rafael	California	94903	United States	7/22/2013
Alice Craig	Kearny	Arizona	85137	United States	7/22/2013
maneeyah butler	jonesboro	Georgia	30236	United States	7/22/2013
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Cecilia Ornelas	Yorba Linda	California	92887	United States	7/22/2013
Lawrence Kwok	San Diego	California	92130	United States	7/22/2013
Wanda Brendle-Moss	Winston-Salem	North Carolina	27101	United States	7/22/2013
John Null	Fenton	Missouri	63026	United States	7/22/2013
Denise Dardarian	L.A.	California	90046	United States	7/22/2013
Michael Neil	Denver	Colorado	80210	United States	7/22/2013
Frank Ortiz	Los Angeles	California	90022	United States	7/22/2013
Leah daddario	cherry valley	Massachusetts	1611	United States	7/22/2013
Alexandra Slezak	Tampa	Florida	33612	United States	7/22/2013
Ann Bednarek	Amherst	New York	14228	United States	7/22/2013
Brett Dennison	Garden grove	California	92840	United States	7/22/2013
sydney shaw	Washington	District Of Columbia	20005	United States	7/22/2013
Shannon Swayne	Overland Park	Kansas	66212	United States	7/22/2013
Matthew Wesley	Woodbridge	Virginia	22191	United States	7/22/2013
Antonio Daniele Lucca	Este	Illinois	35042 Ital	United States	7/22/2013
MK Smith MD	Mankato	Minnesota	56001	United States	7/22/2013
LEANN RAMIREZ	UNIONTOWN	Ohio	44685	United States	7/22/2013
Rebecca Gililland	thornton	Colorado	80229	United States	7/22/2013
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Colleen Lobel	San Diego	California	92126	United States	7/22/2013
Debra Jones	Hawthorne	California	90250	United States	7/22/2013
Carol Bergman	Wheaton	Illinois	60187	United States	7/22/2013

Lynn Roebuck	Fort Smith	Arkansas	72901	United States	7/22/2013
clara marti			o8240	Spain	7/22/2013
Marjorie Lune	New York	New York	10027	United States	7/22/2013
Saman Tabrizi	Winnetka	California	91306	United States	7/22/2013
juwayria sohail	hagerstown	Maryland	21740	United States	7/22/2013
Allan Bumgartner	Littleton	Colorado	80127	United States	7/22/2013
Tina Geiselman	Vanderbilt	Pennsylvania	15486	United States	7/22/2013
Ann Schubert	Morgan Hill	California	95037	United States	7/22/2013
Sharon Smith	Dayton	Ohio	45402	United States	7/22/2013
Jason Park	Arcadia	California	91006	United States	7/22/2013
Adrián Fernández			28523	Spain	7/22/2013
shanikra stallworth	garland	Texas	75043	United States	7/22/2013
Viola Montoya	Santa Fe	New Mexico	87505	United States	7/22/2013
Siranush Baghdasaryan	Yerevan				7/22/2013
tina tine'	knoxville	Tennessee	37919	United States	7/22/2013
Raminder Kumar	Chicago	Idaho	60611	United States	7/22/2013
Maria Malda	Oceanside	California	92056	United States	7/22/2013
Stuart Thomas	Tucson	Arizona	85719-6028	United States	7/22/2013
chris beal	louth	Texas	70740	United States	7/22/2013
Joseph Butler	Rocky Mount	North Carolina	27803	United States	7/22/2013
Jason Bowman	Sacramento	California	95823-1931	United States	7/22/2013
Kyra Henderson	San Carlos	California	94070	United States	7/22/2013
darrell rolstone	larkspur	California	94939	United States	7/22/2013
denise jacobson	honolulu	Hawaii	969825	United States	7/22/2013
Joyce Belton	Columbia	South Carolina	29205	United States	7/22/2013
Darren Chiacchia	East Aurora	New York	14052	United States	7/22/2013
Mark King	Atlanta	Georgia	30312	United States	7/22/2013
Jaslene Williams	US Virgin Islands				7/22/2013
Amana Turner	Houston	Texas	77088	United States	7/22/2013
Tom Dauria	Ridgewood	New Jersey	7450	United States	7/22/2013
Roselyn Costantino	State College	Pennsylvania	16801	United States	7/22/2013
tara lankford	nyc	New York	10029	United States	7/22/2013
Barb Cardell	Bouldwe	Colorado	80303	United States	7/22/2013
Renee McCoy	Seattle	Washington	98122	United States	7/22/2013
Nancy Brandauer	Boulder	Colorado	80304	United States	7/22/2013
Shandell Brown	Troy	New York	12180	United States	7/22/2013
Hans Desnoyers	New York	New York	10027	United States	7/23/2013
Cynthia Washington	Austin	Texas	78723	United States	7/23/2013
Mary B. Lang	New York	New York	10001	United States	7/23/2013
Fran Ricardo	Gainesville	Florida	32604	United States	7/23/2013
William Marshall	San Diego	California	92110	United States	7/23/2013
Connie Canney	Alachua	Florida	32615	United States	7/23/2013
George Pappas	Chicago	Illinois	60618-5602	United States	7/23/2013
David Plunkett	Rome	New York	13440	United States	7/23/2013
Kim Young	Tully	New York	13159-3317	United States	7/23/2013
Adrian Burrough	Ft Worth	Texas	76119	United States	7/23/2013
Tia Thames	Marietta	Georgia	30062	United States	7/23/2013
Marjorie G. Jones	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	19107	United States	7/23/2013
Janet Carter	New York	New York	10029	United States	7/23/2013
Mark Misrok	Astoria	New York	11105	United States	7/23/2013
Gregory Edwards	Oakland	California	94607	United States	7/23/2013
Candace Webb	Washington	District Of Columbia	20008	United States	7/23/2013
Tyreese McAllister	Upper Marlboro	Maryland	20774	United States	7/24/2013
Anna Forbes	Kensington	Maryland	20895	United States	7/24/2013
Allison Horky	Oakland	California	94612	United States	7/24/2013
Xi'an Glynn	New York	New York	10030	United States	7/24/2013
Angela Taylor	Beaumont	Texas	77702	United States	7/24/2013
Carol Helwig	Nederland	Colorado	80466	United States	7/25/2013
Durrell Fox	Shrewsbury	Massachusetts	1545	United States	7/25/2013

Cynthia Carey-Grant	Oakland	California	94612	United States	7/26/2013
Jamienne Studley	San Francisco	California	94118	United States	7/26/2013
Sylvia Young	Oakland	California	94612	United States	7/26/2013
Rosie Abriam	Rockville	Maryland	20850	United States	7/26/2013
ashley fairburn	oakland	California	94612	United States	7/26/2013
Jane Maxwell	Albany	California	94706	United States	7/26/2013
Erin Falvey	San Diego	California	92103	United States	7/26/2013
Holly Hansen	San Marcos	California	92078	United States	7/26/2013
Michael Giancola	San Diego	California	92115	United States	7/26/2013
Susan Rodriguez	New York	New York	10029	United States	7/26/2013
Michelle Laird	San Diego	California	92111	United States	7/27/2013
Karina Valdez	Chula Vista	California	91911	United States	7/27/2013
Doreen Lee	Vista	California	92083	United States	7/27/2013
Deon Haywood	new orleans	Louisiana	70124	United States	7/27/2013
Ilana Scherl	New Orleans	Louisiana	70115	United States	7/27/2013
Angela Green	San Francisco	California	94103	United States	7/27/2013
Kathie Hiers	Birmingham	Alabama	35222	United States	7/27/2013
Theresia Hunter	San Diego	California	92115	United States	7/28/2013
Carolyn Massey	Washington	District Of Columbia	20037	United States	7/28/2013
Liz Cohen	Austin	Texas	78723	United States	7/28/2013
Z BLAIR	Kyle	Texas	78640	United States	7/28/2013
Cathalene Teahan	Snellville	Georgia	30078	United States	7/28/2013
Andrea Benzacar	New York	New York	10012	United States	7/28/2013
Butch McKay	Ft. Walton Beach	Florida	32548	United States	7/29/2013
Rainey Campbell	Birmingham	Alabama	35222	United States	7/29/2013
Carole Treston	Phila	Pennsylvania	19147	United States	7/29/2013
julie johnson	phila	Pennsylvania	19131	United States	7/29/2013
Henry Millbourne	Detroit	Michigan	48207	United States	7/29/2013
Deborah Reid	Washington	District Of Columbia	20005	United States	7/29/2013
Lisa Medina	Austin	Texas	78748	United States	7/29/2013
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Nancy Bernstine	Washington	District Of Columbia	20005	United States	7/29/2013
William Arnold	wASHINGTON	District Of Columbia	20009	United States	7/29/2013
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LaToya Swan	Dallas	Texas	75209	United States	7/29/2013
Anna Guerra	Austin	Texas	78726	United States	7/29/2013
Amelia Reinwald	austin	Texas	78751	United States	7/29/2013
Gila Cohen	san diego	California	92103	United States	7/29/2013
Angela Hudson	Round Rock	Texas	78681	United States	7/29/2013
Erika Hultquist	Austin	Texas	78745	United States	7/29/2013
Charlene Richardson	Austin	Texas	78754	United States	7/29/2013
Amber Elizondo	San Antonio	Texas	78245	United States	7/29/2013
Patty LeBlanc	Austin	Texas	78703	United States	7/29/2013
Michelle Montes	San Diego	California	92101	United States	7/29/2013
Priscilla Hale	Austin	Texas	78702	United States	7/29/2013
Allison Bechill	San Diego	California	92104	United States	7/29/2013
suzie korth	San Diego	California	92104	United States	7/29/2013
Amanda Darlington	San Diego	California	92101	United States	7/29/2013
Joseph Mora	San Diego	California	92103	United States	7/29/2013
Jennifer Lewis	San Diego	California	92103	United States	7/29/2013
Giovan Hernandez	San Diego	California	92104	United States	7/29/2013
Evelyn Navarro	manchester	New Hampshire	3103	United States	7/29/2013
Sarah Salomon	Shoreline	Washington	98155	United States	7/29/2013
William Marshall	San Diego	California	92110	United States	7/30/2013
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John Freeman	Austin	Texas	78721	United States	7/30/2013
Linda Smith	St Croix		820	Virgin Islands, U.S.	7/30/2013
Carolyn Davis	Newark	New Jersey	7106	United States	7/30/2013

Dahn Dahlas	Skyland	North Carolina	28803	United States	7/30/2013
Jennifer Caballero	Washington	District Of Columbia	20018	United States	7/30/2013
Tracy Welsh	Maplewood	New Jersey	7040	United States	7/30/2013
Rosita Cortez	New York	New York	10034	United States	7/30/2013
Jess Sanchez	Miami	Florida	33193	United States	7/30/2013
Valerie Rochester	Washington, DC	District Of Columbia	20036	United States	7/30/2013
Krista Martel	Brooklyn	New York	11222	United States	7/30/2013
Karin Block	Brooklyn	New York	11222	United States	7/30/2013
Alfonso Quezada	San Diego	California	92101	United States	7/30/2013
L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center	Los Angeles	California	90028	United States	7/30/2013
Frederic Courtois	san antonio	Texas	78247	United States	7/30/2013
Lily Kirsanow	Austin	Texas	78731	United States	7/30/2013
Britt Hayse	Austin	Texas	78765	United States	7/30/2013
Amanda Lugg	New York	New York	10027-2544	United States	7/30/2013
Richa P	Oakland	California	94612	United States	7/30/2013
charles whitehead	san antonio	Texas	78210	United States	7/30/2013
Ben Martinez	Dallas	Texas	76208	United States	7/30/2013
Januari Leo	Missouri City	Texas	77459	United States	7/30/2013
kelly larkin	brooklyn	New York	11211	United States	7/30/2013
Dina McKinnie	Los Angeles	California	90045	United States	7/30/2013
Athena Moore	NY	New York	10016	United States	7/30/2013
Mariana Lozoya	San Diego	California	92103	United States	7/30/2013
patti radigan	huntington station	New York	11746	United States	7/30/2013
Kimberly Johnson	Lancaster	Pennsylvania	17602	United States	7/30/2013
Felicia Eaves	Washington	District Of Columbia	20009	United States	7/30/2013
Briston Smith	chattanooga	Tennessee	37405	United States	7/30/2013
Gerri Robinson	Oakland	California	94612	United States	7/30/2013
Wanda Watts	Baltimore	Maryland	21216	United States	7/30/2013
Raul Posas	Washington	District Of Columbia	20003	United States	7/30/2013
Brook Kelly	New York	New York	10027	United States	7/31/2013
sherrille McKethan-Green	newark	New Jersey	7112	United States	7/31/2013
Paula Thornton	Homewood	Illinois	60430	United States	7/31/2013
Deidra Jackson	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	70898	United States	7/31/2013
Trina Scott	Washington	District Of Columbia	20774	United States	7/31/2013
Wendy McAllister	Silver Spring	Maryland	20901	United States	7/31/2013
Noelle Adams	Lithonia	Georgia	30038	United States	7/31/2013
Skip Rosenthal	El Paso	Texas	79902	United States	7/31/2013
Carrie Broadus	Compton	California	90222	United States	7/31/2013
Kimberly Haven	Baltimore	Maryland	21216	United States	7/31/2013
Jennifer Seabolt	Millersville	Pennsylvania	17551	United States	7/31/2013
Scot More	Houston	Texas	77002	United States	7/31/2013
Avis Jones-DeWeever	Woodbridge	Virginia	12191	United States	7/31/2013
Deodonne Bhattarai	Washington	District Of Columbia	20006	United States	7/31/2013
Karen Fucello	Austin	Texas	78757	United States	7/31/2013
Brittany Brathwaite	Brooklyn	New York	11216	United States	7/31/2013
Sterlie Achille	Miramar	Florida	33023	United States	7/31/2013
Sadia Arshad	Miami	Florida	33162	United States	7/31/2013
Susanna Concha-Garcia	San Diego	California	92103	United States	7/31/2013
Kimi Farrington	Deerfield Beach	Florida	33441	United States	7/31/2013
Yushika Florence	Ft. Lauderdale	Florida	33304	United States	7/31/2013
Briana Dixon	Ocean Springs	Mississippi	39564	United States	7/31/2013
Monica Holloway	columbia	Maryland	21045	United States	8/1/2013
Courtney Robinson	Charlotte	North Carolina	28269	United States	8/1/2013
Januari McKay	Upper Marlboro	Maryland	20774	United States	8/1/2013
Caitlyn Anderson	Las Vegas	Nevada	89104	United States	8/1/2013
Renee Mims	Silver Spring	Maryland	20901	United States	8/1/2013
Alexandra Smith	Olney	Maryland	20832	United States	8/1/2013
Reneika Nance	Clinton	Maryland	20735	United States	8/1/2013
Celia Burke	Washington	District Of Columbia	20002	United States	8/1/2013

Lee Taylor	Dallas	Texas	75204	United States	8/1/2013
Bertha Arnold	Bronx	New York	10462	United States	8/1/2013
Uyen Ngo	Los Angeles	California	90025	United States	8/1/2013
Deloris Dockrey	Summit	New Jersey	7901	United States	8/1/2013
Adriana Gonzalez	national city	California	91950	United States	8/1/2013
jennifer nugent- hill	st.corix	Virgin Islands	822	United States	8/2/2013
Ameesha Meyers	Augusta	Georgia	30906	United States	8/2/2013
Cari Pepper	Vancouver	Washington	98683	United States	8/2/2013
Christopher Barnhill	Oxon Hill	Maryland	20745	United States	8/2/2013
AIDS Services Foundation Orange County	Irvine	California	92614	United States	8/2/2013
Orange County HIV/AIDS Advocacy Team c/o ASF	Irvine	California	92614	United States	8/2/2013
frank segura	san lorenzo	California	94580	United States	8/4/2013
Douglas Wise	Newark	New Jersey	7112	United States	8/4/2013
joseph hall jr	baltimore	Maryland	21211	United States	8/18/2013
Richard Stucky	Willard	Utah	84340	United States	8/19/2013
Jennifer Cardell	Los Angeles	California	90006	United States	8/21/2013
Concerned Citizen	New City	New York	10956-2406	United States	8/26/2013
Nancy Molock	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	19150	United States	8/28/2013
Bria Hamlet	Catonsville	Maryland	21228	United States	8/31/2013

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Vanessa Johnson	Washington, DC	2013-06-26	A full array of services (prevention, care, treatment & supportive services) are needed to combat this disease In all communities and especially so among women and people of color.
Ingrid Floyd	Plainfield, NJ	2013-06-26	Women are heads of household and decision makers and cannot be left vulnerable to HIV infection during a time we are finally starting to see improvements.
Jo Schneiderman	Guilford, VT	2013-06-26	As years have passed funding, especially for community based initiatives to educate women and minorities about HIV/AIDS has diminished, even as the epidemic continues to grow. These initiatives are our boots on the ground. We need them.
kenneth phillips	New York, NY	2013-06-26	Women are among the greatest of populations marginalized and affected in this HIV/ AIDS pandemic (epidemic)
Ursula Blanc	New York, NY	2013-06-26	The infection rates of HIV are still high among women especially among minority populations. Education is vital if we want to continue this fight. PreP is not the only solution! There are a lot of young girls and women who do not exhibit high-risk behaviors but nevertheless are still at risk for HIV infection due to many factors. If you don't restore this critical funding, we will be fighting a battle that in essence is already lost.
Shirley Alves	New York, NY	2013-06-26	Women in our community in Central Harlem and throughout the United States need these services desperately please don't cut funding.
MILAGROS PIZARRO	NEW YORK, NY	2013-06-26	I AM WOMAN LIVING WITH AIDS AND ALSO CARETAKER AND KNOW HOW IMPORTANT SUPPORT IS TO US LETS ALONE LIVING WITH THIS ILLNESS IT GETS OVERWHELMING
Minister Antionettea Etienne	New York, NY	2013-06-26	Because women are dying. Because I am a Health educator and a front line worker. I am in the trenches and I see the Faces of AIDS and the women at high risk
Sylvia Lopez	Austin, TX	2013-06-26	Gender responsive support services are crucial for women with HIV/AIDS. Funding medical services alone will not sustain women in care.
Linda Scruggs	Forestville, MD	2013-06-27	Community Based Organizations are critical to the reaching ZERO. Funding for Women and Minorities should not be an option and neither will receive adequate support and resources without CBO's within the communities equipped with staff and resources need to create community health change and support for all.
Stephen Bailous	Silver Spring, MD	2013-06-27	Women and minorities are vulnerable and need increased funding to respond to the growing need for patient centered health care.
Ginger Washburn	Santa Rosa, CA	2013-06-27	I truly could write a book on what this topic means to me as a woman living with HIV/AIDS>
DeVondia Roseborough	Charlotte NC, NC	2013-06-27	As a survivor of AIDS and advocate for the voiceless there is STILL more that needs to be done to get to ZERO, and funding is necessary to defeat this epidemic among women and girls.
A. Fonseca	SJ, PR	2013-06-27	This cause is too important to limit funding and resources, if we are truly looking to a generation without AIDS

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Emma Ferguson	Forestville, MD	2013-06-27	The race is not given to the swift but those who endure to the end. I am a women affected by the disease. I am the same women, who has learned and shared knowledge community based HIV organization distribute and provide. We are often reminded that it takes a villiage to raise child. Well it takes CBOs to raised the awareness to the nation that the war on HIV/AIDS is not over. As a nation we can not stop investing in women, children,and families and still be a strong and thriving nation. Remember Dr. King" A threat to injustice is a threat to justice everywhere!"
Kathy Bennett	Baltimore, MD	2013-06-27	To do more HIV testing and prevention for the younger generation.
Petra Berrios	Bronx, NY	2013-06-27	Stop cutting programs that help women.
Elizabeth Woodhouse	San Diego, CA	2013-06-27	Healthcare equality!
Yeireline Rodriguez	Brooklyn, NY	2013-06-27	I am a woman, a minority, and a concerned humanitarian. Funds that support treatment for HIV should be increased !
Loren Jones	Berkeley, CA	2013-06-27	Because we are not men. We need services specifically provided by those who are like ourselves provided in safe spaces only for us. We empower each other in ways that men cannot.
Willie Hilson	Middletown, NY	2013-06-27	I am a minority who has lived with HIV for 28 years and it was due to continuum of care. Thanks.
Diane Walker	Denver, CO	2013-06-28	They need to end AIDS NOW!
Frances Keene	Orange Park, FL	2013-06-28	Have friends that need help. And it is a good reason to sign.
wendy moffat	spring valley, CA	2013-06-28	because as a white hetrosexual women alone I have a lot of obstacles I need help with.
Kathleen Grove	San Diego, CA	2013-06-28	I work withHIV+ women in the community and they desperate;y need more and better organized services- not less.
Nicole Pepper	SAN DIEGO, CA	2013-06-28	I work on a daily basis with women & minorities with HIV who desperately need these services.
Sara Duran	San Diego, CA	2013-06-28	This is important to me because I believe that my community deserves to live long, healthy lives and we need funding to ensure that!
Precious Jackson	South El Monte, CA	2013-06-29	I believe and have witness for myself the value of OWH & OMH funding how it benefits the communities of color and women.
victoria mcgoldrick	san marcos, CA	2013-06-29	I work in the HIV field and I see first-hand how sick people can get lost without assistance. The funding to provide HIV services is not a luxury; it is life-essential for many people.
Michaela Hoffman	San Francisco, CA	2013-06-30	Women are at ever higher risk for HIV in the US and this is not the time to remove support!
Jan Thompson	Burlington, VT	2013-07-01	I am a woman with HIV. I need to have access to those services because there is no way to live off SSI
Desiree Lawrence	Atlanta, GA	2013-07-01	Many people I know have been infected or affected by HIV. My mother who has since passed was HIV positive and made huge strides by helping others in a similar situation. I watched her grow and become a great woman of strength because of programs like this and I would hate to know that they are no longer available. My mom Bridget Ordway was a very strong woman and advocate for HIV programs and I stand by her ways!
Barbara Nichols	Brattleboro, VT	2013-07-01	Because it's the right thing to do - every woman deserves equal treatment. i am a woman of color- my sister lost her fight living with hiv

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Olivia Slack	Northfield, MN	2013-07-01	As part of an HIV advocacy group, I understand how important it is to support organizations like mine that are working to end HIV/AIDS by fully funding them. These cuts do not represent a commitment to an AIDS-free generation.
Robin Mide	guilford, VT	2013-07-01	Women and minorities are under served.
Dana Ruggiero	Bath, United Kingdom	2013-07-01	Community, grass roots organizations that serve people in need every day are not in need of yet another budget cut.
Dvora Zipkin	Worcester, VT	2013-07-01	Women's and girls' lives are at stake.
andrew flanagan	bar harbor, ME	2013-07-02	equal rights/access to health care
Jennifer Echevarria	Tampa, FL	2013-07-02	Assisting minority individuals, especially those with a criminal background, is essential to assist with assimilating these individuals back in to teh community. By doing this, these individuals will be more likely to engage in beahviors that promote a healthy way of life instead of reverting back to behaviors that are possibly a danger to other people as well as themselves.
Travis Tyler	St. Petersburg, FL	2013-07-02	Re-entering ex-offenders without HIV/AIDS care not only endanger themselves, but they are at a higher risk for spreading infection into the general population. OMH budget cuts will affect progrms like HIRE, which assist and serve some of the most vulnerable and potentially dangerous individuals.
Doug Wirth	NY, NY	2013-07-02	We must take action to protect the health of women, children and communities most impacted by HIV/AIDS.
Electra Delano	Lowell, MA	2013-07-02	This horrible virus affects ALL populations. Sadly the area's that many minorities call home have the lack of education and proper support, which keeps the virus growing...and the heartache of everyone involved, getting bigger and bigger.
Marsha Jones	BALCH SPRINGS, TX	2013-07-02	I am founder and ED of a women centered non-profit and I first hand understand the struggle for funding to serve women. The struggle becomes even greater when you are serving black women living HIV and those at greatest risk.
Chris Ritter	Madison, OH	2013-07-17	We have to stem the spread of HIV!
Andrew James Paterson	Toronto, Canada	2013-07-17	Urgent matter for those with specific needs.
Rafiki Franklin	Oakland, CA	2013-07-17	It is crucial for this population to have adequate access to quality HIV services. Women are important in maintaining a healthy community involving children and values that dictate the success of a nation. Please restore and increase Community based HIV funding for women and minorities.
Barbara Joseph	Houston, TX	2013-07-17	Its important because women are still being infected. Maany women's issues are not being addressed.
Lee Hertel	Minneapolis, MN	2013-07-17	I am a gay man living with HIV
Jill Lynn	New York, NY	2013-07-17	Death at any age is not acceptable.
Diane Hage	Buffalo, NY	2013-07-17	involved in care
Pamela Foster	Tuscaloosa, AL	2013-07-17	The HIV/AIDS epidemic is increasing in the South and continuing preventive efforts are needed to decrease this trend.
Jeanette Deas Calhoun	Tyler, TX	2013-07-17	It is important to me because women are dieing. We must educate our women of color and our other minoities. We need to act now!
Renee Sievert	San Diego, CA	2013-07-18	Community based organizations provide critical support to women, childrean and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. Primay care providers and clinics cannot provide the crucial support and resources to these families!

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April Robinson	Dobbins, CA	2013-07-18	I have been living with HIV/AIDS Since 1987 and was a single parent for the majority of that time. Had it not been for the additional funding available to assist with health care and living expences, I don't know how I would have made it! As AIDS today is wrongly seen as a" livable";
Lois Roy	Beaumont, TX	2013-07-18	I am an Community Health Worker in my city and see the importance each and every day.
Jeffrey Padilla	New York, NY	2013-07-19	This is very important, there is no need for a human being to die in silence, specially a women who is just like mother nature.
Lawrence Carter	New York, NY	2013-07-19	This disinvestment will have a severe adverse affect or impact on the community that we serve (Central and East Harlem) which has an extremely high incidence of HIV. This will severely impact that progress that has been made with young and older women in the community.
Cynthia Washington	Austin, TX	2013-07-23	I am a positive woman.
Mark Misrok	Astoria, NY	2013-07-23	The history of our national response to HIV/AIDS has unfortunately been inadequate in regards to the social determinants of health that have driven the epidemic, including those leading to disproportionate rates of infections and poor health outcomes among African American and Latino women - and continue to do so. Now is not the time to implement cuts to programs targeting women and girls impacted by HIV. We need to do better, in making use of the resources of this nation, to care for those of us who need resources and support.
Anna Forbes	Kensington, MD	2013-07-24	We can't end AIDS without community involvement. Cutting funding to support such involvement is counter-productive.
Sylvia Young	Oakland, CA	2013-07-26	I am living with HIV and work at WORLD with women living with HIV.
Jane Maxwell	Albany, CA	2013-07-26	Health care is a right, not a privilege!
Michael Giancola	San Diego, CA	2013-07-26	To maintain the standard of living for those infected with HIV and to prevent new infections from occurring.
Karina Valdez	Chula Vista, CA	2013-07-27	I am a clinician that works with minorities and women with HIV and I see first hand the magnitude of their need for support.
Carolyn Massey	Washington, DC	2013-07-28	The funding that is provided by the OWH and OMH is vital to reaching and engaging minorities in health care. The elimination of these line items is short-sided decision-making. The programs that these offices fund are the pipeline for reaching those most in need and do so in unconventional ways that are very effective at ground level. All the science in the world is no good if it cannot be applied to problem solve. These offices fund the entities that solve problems of access and participation so that the science can be applied.
Henry Millbourne	Detroit, MI	2013-07-29	Community-based organization have been abd continue to have been the response to the HIV?AIDS epidemic in cities with most impacted and particularly have been effective in reaching women and minorities.
Lisa Medina	Austin, TX	2013-07-29	I sat in a room on Saturday with over 20 HIV positive woman. I listened to stories of how some of these woman are still fighting against ignorance and stigma, even from their own families. I heard stories of how isolating this disease is. I heard stories of how, once diagnosed, there were few to no resources and the resources that do exist, do not have proper funding or a community presence. This disease, even though it is 2013, still has woman living in th shadows.
LaToya Swan	Dallas, TX	2013-07-29	It just is!

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Patty LeBlanc	Austin, TX	2013-07-29	HIV / AIDS is still a huge problem, eventhough it doesn't get the attention it did 20 years ago. Many more ppl are living instead of dying, so funding is even more important than ever to help people.
Jennifer Lewis	San Diego, CA	2013-07-30	In the last quarter our program which provides social support services to minority women and children has seen a 26% increase due to iniatives to engage those out of care. Eliminating funding would erase gains made. It would also erase gains made to reach at risk men and youth- as women are often the caretakers of families.
Giovan Hernandez	San Diego, CA	2013-07-30	as a person experienced in working with these populations I have seen the growing need to focus efforts on these groups.
Carolyn Masssey	Washington, DC	2013-07-30	<p>This story is being shared with you because it speaks directly to this issue. I am aware of it because through ministry, I've met many others who are using their access to others as an opportunity to begin the conversation about HIV/AIDS and some of its social determinants in ways that are immediately relevant to the individual person. Recently, a minister shared a story with me. She uses the internet as a medium for her ministry and through an e-newsletter, she shares stories of our hidden strength. She said a woman, approximately 30 years of age - Mother to 3 small children, recently died in a hospice. She had been positive approximately three years that we know. A family member warned her not to tell anyone of her status "because they will treat you differently", so the woman did not tell anyone that she was HIV positive. She subsequently developed cancer and while the minister was in her hospital room praying for this woman, she died. As the minister watched the hospital staff wrap the woman's body, and the family begin to file into the room, she felt overcome with anger and sadness. This woman did not have to die in 2013. Stigma delivered the deciding blow. Now 3 small children are without their Mother.</p> <p>This story only serves to reinforce the need for MORE resources to support women and minorities to face down the stigma associated with this disease because they know the real facts and that life is possible when the disease is managed. Funding is so vital; let's not be short-sighted when we are so close to turning the tide.</p>
Jess Sanchez	Miami, FL	2013-07-30	Because a pandemic so large needs attention and resources to be stopped!
charles whitehead	san antonio, TX	2013-07-30	because the data shows that people of color are at higher risk and i'm included in this group
Gerri Robinson	Oakland, CA	2013-07-31	Now is the time to divest public and private investments in community based organizations that provide critical support to women and girls impacted by HIV.
Deloris Dockrey	Summit, NJ	2013-08-01	The HIV infection rate for women is increasing and this population should not be ignored. We need more women specific programs to reduce transmission and assist and stabilize the lives of women living with HIV/AIDS. These activities continue to require capacity building funding.
Cari Pepper	Vancouver, WA	2013-08-02	Community health is important to all of us.
AIDS Services Foundation Orange County	Irvine, CA	2013-08-02	ASF's mission is to prevent the spread of HIV and improve the lives of men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Orange County. As more and more women and minorities are becoming infected, more must be done to promote HIV testing and prevention in our community. Restoring and increasing funding will help us to do that.



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In the United States, the proportion of HIV born by female adults and adolescents rose from 7% in 1985 to its peak at 27% in 2007, and subsequently dropped slightly to 23% in 2009. Simultaneously there has been a reported drop in the annual incidence of new HIV infections among women and girls. As noted by Liz Brosnan, Executive Director of Christie's Place, a women-serving organization in San Diego, CA, "While this is good news, we remind the nation, our elected representatives and national HIV advocacy organizations that now is not the time to divest public and private investments in community based organizations that provide critical support to women and girls impacted by HIV. Rather, now is the time to continue and scale up support for gender-responsive services that enhance the longevity, health and quality of life for all women and girls in order to continue the downward trend and end AIDS amongst this population group."

Ending AIDS can be achieved if the federal and state governments, as well as foundations and private funders, fully support and involve organizations that are led by and serve women and girls vulnerable to or living with HIV. Advocates for women express grave concern about a trajectory of disinvestment in women-led and serving HIV organizations, and the consequent dwindling of community-based programs and services, during Affordable Care Act implementation.

"The history of HIV shows that culturally relevant and gender-responsive supportive services, including psychosocial support, treatment literacy, case management, and transportation are necessary strategies to reach and engage women and girls in medical care. Yet with the diminishing investment in women-focused organizations and services, it's not clear that ACA implementation will have an HIV infrastructure to build on." remarked Ingrid Floyd, Executive Director of Iris House, a women-serving HIV organization in New York, NY.

Reductions in funding are not just a result of the changes in philanthropy trends but also reflect a shifting public funding environment. The budget sequester and recent policy decisions demonstrate a skewing of priorities away from community-based organizations primarily serving women. Both the US Office on Women's Health (OWH) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH) budget line items for supporting community based organizations that serve females and minorities impacted by HIV were eliminated in the President's Budget for FY2014.

"These funding cuts, totaling approximately \$3.3 million will not only affect service delivery but will also weaken the infrastructure of the major organizing forces in our communities: women and nonprofit organizations. Women make up the vast majority of the nonprofit workforce (73%) and a little under 50% of nonprofit executives. Without opportunities for employment, growth and advancement, women will continue to be economically and civically marginalized and hence likely more vulnerable to HIV infection," said Vanessa Johnson, National Coordinator of the National Women and AIDS Collective, a woman openly living with HIV in Washington, DC.

These funding cuts are indicative of what's happening across the board for all women programming in the US. The failure to ensure a full continuum of health and social support services for women, including women impacted by HIV rests with our government's inability to match rhetoric with funding support. HIV requires a response that encompasses more than an emphasis on medical services, say advocates.

In order to restore confidence in the administration's commitment to women, NWAC and its member organizations demand that funding be restored and increased for US OWH and US OMH community based HIV initiatives. This funding will strengthen the capacity of domestic nonprofit organizations and programs led-by women to respond effectively to the HIV/AIDS epidemic among women thus reducing the acquisition and transmission of HIV infection.

The National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC) was established in 2005 to advocate for changes HIV/AIDS policies that jeopardize the ability of women-led and serving organizations to serve women impacted by HIV or AIDS.
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