

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 4, 2015

Ambassador Deborah Birx
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Dear Ambassador Birx:

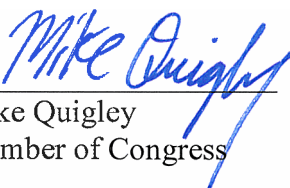
We are writing to commend you on your leadership as Global AIDS Coordinator over the last year, and urge a deep and continued commitment to the prevention of HIV infection as a core aspect of PEPFAR and the promise of an AIDS-free generation.


We were pleased to see the attention given to prevention in the 2015 Annual Report to Congress. We agree that “PEPFAR’s implementation of evidence based HIV prevention is fundamental to the control of the epidemic.” For optimal impact, prevention services—namely, HIV testing and counseling, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and voluntary medical male circumcision, as well as programs for social and behavioral change and structural interventions—are often grouped together in a comprehensive package. We are pleased to see this approach reflected in the new DREAMS initiative and applaud the renewed commitment to the reduction of new HIV infections in young women and adolescent girls globally. We hope you are also prioritizing ways to expand the reach of this initiative and strengthen PEPFAR’s prevention programming across the board.

Your commitment to the measurement and assessment of the impact of PEPFAR programs is integral to the success of prevention programs. Ambitious targets have played a critical role in shaping programmatic focus, galvanizing political support, and positioning the U.S. as a global leader. As you finalize targets as requested under the PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013, we ask that you include strong targets that cover the biomedical, behavioral, and structural aspects of HIV prevention, in addition to treatment and care.

Again, we thank you for your leadership and dedication to prevention within PEPFAR. We stand with you in supporting this critical dimension of the response and look forward to hearing from you about the sustainable future of prevention in PEPFAR.

Sincerely,


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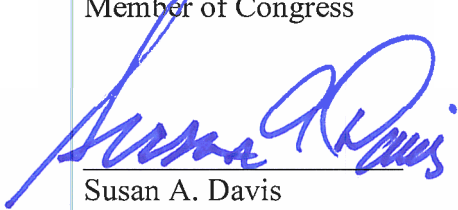
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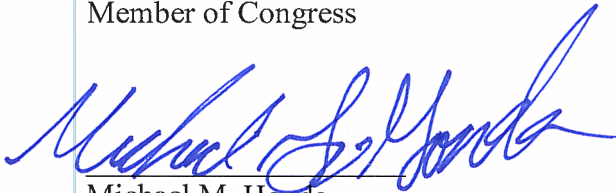
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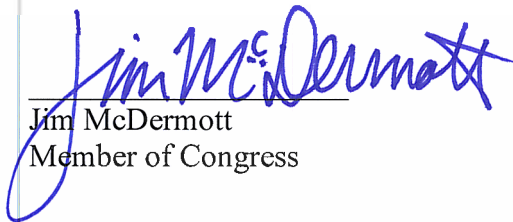
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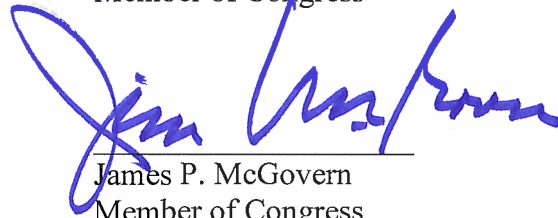
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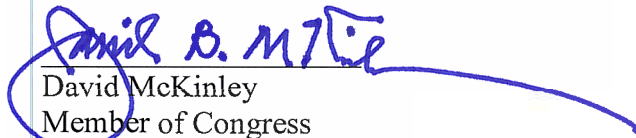
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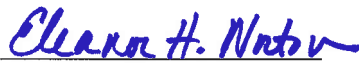
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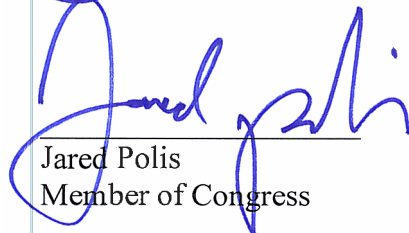
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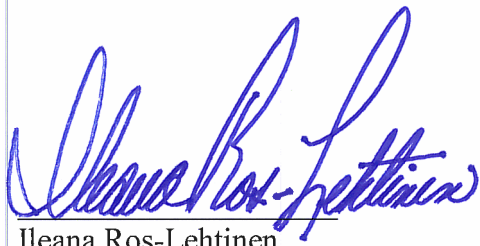
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