Country Music Letter on PEPFAR

America, did you know that you have led the world in saving the lives of 26 million people from HIV/AIDS around the world? That's thanks to a program called PEPFAR, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

23 years ago, President George W. Bush had the vision to bring together Republicans and Democrats to legislate a plan to stop the AIDS epidemic that was killing three million men, women and children a year.

And we are on track to end the AIDS epidemic status by 2030. Today, twenty million people are on antiretroviral medications, keeping infection and death rates at their lowest in twenty years. That's twenty million souls for whom "America" means generosity, compassion and life.

But all that can change in the blink of an eye. If Congress decides to cut funding for PEPFAR, people will not receive their medication. The virus will rebound. Infections will multiply. Millions will die. And, the epidemic will grow exponentially worldwide, including a potential explosion in our own backyards.

Lend your voice. Join us by sending a letter to let Congress know you want to see the end of AIDS in 2030, requiring their support to fully fund PEPFAR. This isn't just the smart thing to do, for national security, economic, and public health reasons; this is the right thing to do.

Join us. Visit <u>ONE.org</u> to take action today.

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