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The Honorable Eric Goosby, M.D.  
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U.S. Department of State  
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Dear Ambassador Goosby:

Thank you for releasing the revised guidance on "Comprehensive HIV Prevention for People Who Inject Drugs," which calls for targeted prevention services. The guidance represents an historic step forward in the US response to global AIDS. We know that you have personally worked on this issue for more than a decade and we thank you for your commitment.

We look forward to working with you to implement the guidance. We hope that where it is needed, the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator will move quickly to support syringe access programs. We understand that efforts are underway to educate USAID, US Embassies and program implementers about the guidance and that meetings are taking place to facilitate reprogramming. We encourage your office to continue these efforts and to publicize the changes in regional and international fora.

As you know, the interventions endorsed in the new guidance, particularly syringe access programs, can help to avert thousands of new infections. Working together, we can make significant headway in the fight to prevent HIV.

Sincerely,

African Council of AIDS Service Organizations  
Africare  
AIDS Action Council  
AIDS Action of Massachusetts  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
The AIDS Institute  
American Jewish World Service  
American Medical Student Association  
American Public Health Association  
Americans for Informed Democracy  
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Caring Ambassadors Program  
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)  
The Centre for Health Policy and Innovation

Cicatelli Associates Inc.  
EngenderHealth  
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Global AIDS Alliance  
The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF)  
Global Health Council  
Harm Reduction Coalition  
Health Connections International  
Health GAP  
Hepatitis Education Project  
HIV Medicine Association  
Human Rights Watch  
IDSA/HIVMA Center for Global Health Policy  
The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care  
International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS- North America  
International HIV/AIDS Alliance  
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IntraHealth International  
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National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
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North American Syringe Exchange Network  
Ontario HIV Treatment Network  
Open Society Institute  
Partners in Health  
Physicians for Human Rights  
Project Concern International  
PSI (Population Services International)  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Total Health Awareness Team  
Treatment Action Group  
Trust for America's Health  
World Learning