



# 12 Tweets That Tell Amazing AIDSWatch Tales

HIV advocates in DC, as captured in hashtags, pics and videos.

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The 25<sup>th</sup> AIDSWatch, the annual lobbying event at our nation's capital, took place earlier this week, March 26 and 27. More than 500 HIV-positive people and their allies from around the nation participated in the event. Monday offered a full day of meetings, networking opportunities, awards presentations and panel discussions. Tuesday kicked off with a rally in front of the Capitol, which was followed by lobbying sessions with Congress members.

Sponsored by The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, AIDSWatch is organized by AIDS United, the Treatment Access Expansion Project and the US People Living with HIV Caucus.

For more details about the event, see AIDS United's press release [here](#) and our coverage of the Leadership Awards [here](#). The next best thing to being in DC with the advocates is logging onto social media, searching #AIDSWatch and taking in the show. Below, we offer a tasting of tweets:

Opening [#AIDSWatch](#), [@AIDS\\_United](#) CEO Jesse Milan calls on new CDC director Dr Robert Redfield to condemn abstinence only programs.

[pic.twitter.com/PFpzONyzsc](https://pic.twitter.com/PFpzONyzsc)

— Drew Gibson (@SuppressThis) [March 26, 2018](#)

We're inspired by the hundreds of HIV advocates

gathered for [#AIDSWatch2018](#) — thank you  
[@ET\\_AIDS\\_FDN](#) and [@Zac\\_Posen](#) for your incredible  
support! [@NCAIDSAction](#) [pic.twitter.com/KzINuVq5IU](https://pic.twitter.com/KzINuVq5IU)  
— Avita (@AvitaPharmacy) [March 26, 2018](#)

Mississippi's Jason McCarty passionately advocates for  
[#PrEP](#) and [#HIV](#) services at [#AIDSWatch](#).

[pic.twitter.com/w3kNmikwUR](https://pic.twitter.com/w3kNmikwUR)

— Margot C. Lester (@margot\_lester) [March 26, 2018](#)

Amazing [#AIDSWatch](#) panel of elected officials living w/  
& affected by HIV including Thomas Duane, 1st openly  
positive elected official in US

[pic.twitter.com/YkBAADAVaD](https://pic.twitter.com/YkBAADAVaD)

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[#AIDSWatch](#) teaches the political power of our story as  
people affected by [#HIV](#). [@AIDS\\_United](#) [@etaf\\_joel](#)  
[@BarbCardell](#) [@uspwn](#) [@BrianSimsPA](#) [@JesseMilanJr](#)  
[@pozmagazine](#) [pic.twitter.com/RGpzJQ4Plb](https://pic.twitter.com/RGpzJQ4Plb)

— Mark S. King (@MyFabDisease) [March 27, 2018](#)

Congratulations Venita .@AIDS\_United on [#Periscope: #AIDSWatch](#) <https://t.co/8e7tIBjmL8>

— Pozitively Dee (@DavinaConner) [March 27, 2018](#)

North Carolina representing on Capitol Hill! [#AIDSWatch](#)  
[#ncpol](#) [pic.twitter.com/wj0w6mVT3d](http://pic.twitter.com/wj0w6mVT3d)

— NCAAN (@NCAIDSAction) [March 27, 2018](#)

[#AIDSWatch](#) <https://t.co/S7RldwvG9Y>

— AIDS United (@AIDS\_United) [March 27, 2018](#)

Watch out DC! A Girl Like Me/Una Chica Como Yo bloggers [@MariaHivMejia](#), [@AriannaLint](#), [@aryahelle](#), and Rosa Rivera are at [#AIDSWatch](#) and will be speaking out on behalf of women of color, Latinx, trans women, and [#WLHIV](#) & [#PLHIV](#) to their representatives!

[#HIVresists](#) [pic.twitter.com/RvzqBRILcs](http://pic.twitter.com/RvzqBRILcs)

— The Well Project (@thewellproject) [March 26, 2018](#)

Had the best day on Capitol Hill with these awesome advocates from Minnesota for [#AIDSWatch](#) Thanks to all who engaged. Feeling very privileged to learn from such inspiring leaders! [pic.twitter.com/vs5l6aHvlr](https://pic.twitter.com/vs5l6aHvlr)  
— Orla Murphy (@orlmurf) [March 27, 2018](#)

I always enjoy listening to two great advocates and friends speak about the importance of modernizing HIV criminalization statutes across the country. [#AIDSWatch](#) [#SERO](#) [#Promises](#) [#Thrive](#) [@TheSeroProject](#) [@mrs\\_kam](#) [@i\\_Suttle](#) [pic.twitter.com/aTO4RDHWQ8](https://pic.twitter.com/aTO4RDHWQ8)  
— The Promises Project (@PromisesProject) [March 26, 2018](#)

[@ET\\_AIDS\\_FDN](#) visiting Mississippi members of Congress with Elizabeth's grandchildren. [#AIDSWatch](#). [pic.twitter.com/ChJcjyxcPY](https://pic.twitter.com/ChJcjyxcPY)  
— SASI (@SASICoalition) [March 27, 2018](#)