

Elton John, Rick Warren Testify in Senate Hearing on Global Health

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Sir Elton John testifies about U.S.-sponsored global AIDS programs.

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee—specifically, the subcommittee on State, Foreign Operation and Related Programs—heard testimony on May 6 regarding U.S. support of global health programs, particularly those programs like the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) that combat the AIDS epidemic abroad, according to the Senate committee’s [schedule](#).

The four leaders speaking at the hearing were Ambassador-at-Large Deborah L. Birx, MD, who is the coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS and special representative for global health diplomacy with the U.S. State Department; Mark Dybul, MD, the executive director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; Sir Elton John, the founder of the Elton John AIDS Foundation; and Rick Warren, D.Min, the pastor of Saddleback Church.

Senator Lindsey Graham is the chairman of the Senate subcommittee.

To watch a C-SPAN recording of the hearing or to read the transcript, click [here](#).

To read John’s prepared remarks, in which he implores Congress to continue investing in the international AIDS fight, click [here](#).
