



AIDSWatch 2016

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Advocates from across the country gathered to lobby Congress on HIV/AIDS issues during [AIDSWatch 2016](#), which took place in Washington, DC, from February 29 to March 1.

The organizer of the event is [AIDS United](#), which received major support for the event from The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation ([ETAF](#)). The group was the presenting sponsor.

I was happy to attend the event to witness how hundreds of advocates prepared to meet with legislators and their staff. An opening reception on Sunday was hosted by the [U.S. PLHIV Caucus](#).

On Monday, training sessions were followed by networking sessions with an evening reception for the Positive Leadership Awards. Visits with legislators took place on Tuesday.

I had the pleasure of not only attending, but also of interviewing the grandchildren of Elizabeth Taylor, as well as actor and activist [Daniel Franzese](#), an ETAF ambassador.

The first video is an 8 minute overview:

The second video is a 5 minute interview with the grandchildren of Elizabeth Taylor:

The third video is a 3 minute interview with Daniel Franzese:

If these videos inspired you to participate next year, please [click here](#) for more information.

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