



Republicans Slash HIV/AIDS Funding in New Appropriations Bill

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NMAC Executive Director Paul Kawata, one of the nation’s leading HIV/AIDS advocates, condemned the new Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill that cuts tens of billions of dollars from an array of life-saving programs.

“If House Republicans had it their way, there would be another AIDS epidemic in America,” said Kawata. “We need to be clear: these proposed cuts would lead to unnecessary death and suffering. They must be stopped.”

Kawata noted that the proposed cuts would threaten access to an array of life-saving programs, including:

- Double-digit cuts to the budgets for the Centers for Disease Control (18%) and Department of Health and Human Services (12%)
- \$3.8 billion cut from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget
- \$238 million cut from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, the nation’s safety net for HIV care and treatment
- \$226 million cut from the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP)
- \$32 million cut from the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund
- Eliminates funding for Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.; Title X; and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program
- Keeping funding levels flat for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides FDA-approved medications to low-income people with HIV

“Republicans are waging an unprecedented assault on the LGBTQ+ community, and this is the latest attack,” Kawata added. “While we are confident that this legislation will be dead on arrival in the Senate,

it's scary that these shameful cuts will see the light of day in any chamber of Congress."

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