



What will the National AIDS Strategy Cost and Save? We Ought to Know

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This week, the White House released detailed [operational plans](#) from federal departments charged with implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS). Federal officials developed the plans in response to a White House [memo](#) released in July along with the NHAS instructing several federal agencies to describe the steps they will take to meet the goals and targets of the NHAS.

Meanwhile, as a bitterly divided Congress debates a continuing resolution to fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2011 federal fiscal year and appropriations for the 2012 year (which starts October 1, 2011), two members of Congress are calling on the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to estimate the total cost and savings of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

U.S. Representatives Mike Quigley (D-IL) and Barbara Lee (D-CA) are circulating a dear-colleague [letter](#) in the House inviting members of Congress to join their letter to CBO requesting an official, unbiased estimate of the needed investments and corresponding savings of a fully implemented National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

See their dear-colleague letter [here](#). Contact your U.S. House Representative now and urge him/her to join the letter no later than Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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