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President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Demonstrating America's commitment to achieving universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment by 2010

Dear President Obama:

As a concerned American, as well as global citizen, I encourage you to show America's commitment to address the global HIV/AIDS crisis by announcing renewed funding for the Global Fund.

At the 2005 G8 summit the United States, and other world leaders, committed to meeting the target of universal access to AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010. This bold promise was reaffirmed at the recent G8 meeting in Heiligendamm. Funding for AIDS programming through multilateral, bilateral and NGO channels is required to accomplish this goal.

One of the most effective funding mechanisms to address AIDS is the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) which provides US\$14.9 billion in financing to 140 countries. I commend the commitment to supporting the Global Fund and urge you to keep the commitments promised by the United States of America.

I urge you to announce the United States will contribute its promised percentage of the resources required by the GFATM over each of the next five years. As you consider the reauthorization of the United States Leadership against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act and the PEPFAR programs, I urge you to include authorization of **at least \$50 billion** over five years in the legislation. Support for a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS is critical to achieve the goals of America's development program and cannot be undertaken at the expense of other critical initiatives such as strengthening health systems in developing countries.

HIV/AIDS is not just the problem of Africa, Asia, or other regions. It is everyone's problem, including ours. I hope that the U.S. government will realize the magnitude of this problem and join me in doing something about it.

Yours truly,