

INFORMATION TO USE WHEN CALLING ELECTED OFFICIALS

YOU MAY BE ASKED TO GIVE YOUR FULL NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

1	<i>Hello. My name is _____ and I'm calling [YOU] OR [Senator/Representative/etc.____] because I want to PROTECT federal funding that supports HIV services and housing—like those provided by DOORWAYS in St. Louis!</i>
2	<i>Unknown to many, HIV remains at epidemic levels among people who are living in significant poverty, often homeless with zero income. In fact, people who are homeless are 16 times more likely to acquire HIV.</i>
3	<i>This is avoidable! HIV is treatable, but stable housing is essential to manage an HIV medication regimen.</i>
4	<i>Adherence to an HIV treatment plan can lead to viral suppression, which means the virus can't be passed to other people—stopping new cases!</i>
5	<i>This also means federal HIV funds provide double outcomes! They support programs that improve the life of individuals with HIV AND they contribute to ending this HIV public health epidemic!</i>
6	<i>That's one of the reasons President Trump introduced Ending the HIV Epidemic movement in 2019—with significant federal funding by the way.</i>
7	<i>All HIV funding cuts will backtrack recent progress, meaning we will see increasing numbers of infections and deaths.</i>
8	<i>Please use your voice and vote to support funding for HIV services and housing that contribute to HIV prevention and treatment! Thank you.</i>