

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 13, 2026

Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General of Florida
4052 Bald Cypress Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Dr. Ladapo:

We write to urge the Florida Department of Health (FL DOH) to ensure that federal HIV prevention funding continues to reach Florida's community-based organizations (CBOs) if the federal government proceeds with its recent decision to end direct HIV prevention grants to these organizations.

In mid-July, the White House Office of Management and Budget reportedly directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) not to renew approximately \$46 million in Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Program grants awarded directly to CBOs. In Florida, 11 organizations collectively receive about \$5 million annually through this program. The Administration has indicated these funds would instead be distributed through state and local health departments.

Florida's CBOs are trusted providers that deliver lifesaving services, including HIV testing, prevention, care coordination, and outbreak response. Any interruption in funding would jeopardize these services, increase the risk of HIV transmission, and undermine the state's progress in ending the HIV epidemic.

In addition, without either direct federal funding or state pass-through funding, affected CBOs risk losing eligibility for the 340B Drug Pricing Program. That would eliminate a critical source of support for providing free or low-cost PrEP and PEP medications and other essential services to uninsured and underinsured Floridians.

FL DOH's 2022–2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan recognizes that community-based organizations are essential partners in ending the HIV epidemic. Consistent with that commitment, we urge FL DOH to pass through these federal funds at levels comparable to prior years. Because CBOs may still face a temporary lapse of up to three months while reestablishing 340B eligibility, we also ask FL DOH to provide additional assistance as needed to prevent disruptions in care.

We appreciate FL DOH's commitment to protecting public health. We respectfully request that the Department act promptly to ensure uninterrupted HIV prevention services for Floridians and provide a response outlining FL DOH's plans for establishing cooperative agreements with CBOs to pass through these funds.

Sincerely,



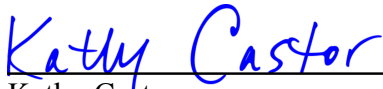
Lois Frankel
Member of Congress



Maria Elvira Salazar
Member of Congress



Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress



Kathy Castor
Member of Congress



Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress



Darren Soto
Member of Congress



Jared Moskowitz
Member of Congress



Maxwell Alejandro Frost
Member of Congress