



**YALE AIDS WATCH**  
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President Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

We are writing on behalf of the Yale community to express our deep concerns over the global spread of the AIDS epidemic. We appreciate and support your commitment to join an international movement aimed at eradicating a heinous epidemic, and easing the suffering of millions of people. The tragedy of HIV/AIDS is evident in countries across the world, and the United States sits in a position to save thousands, and even millions, of lives from the disease through treatment and prevention programs funded by American foreign aid. We applaud your generous initiative to increase this foreign aid, which is a notable step in the right direction.

Since finding additional funds to combat HIV/AIDS is certainly no easy task, the allocation of these monies is crucially important. In light of the fact that treating AIDS requires a coordinated international effort, we respectfully urge you to support the donation of at least half of your new foreign aid package to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Designed to serve as an efficient grant-making mechanism for proven health programs, the Global Fund is the best prospect available for channeling American resources to where they are most needed. Now is a critical time for the United States to invest significantly in the Fund, since its assets are currently depleted. We ask you to remember that a significant American contribution to the fund would save lives immediately and would set an example for our allies in this war on disease. By accelerating the distribution of grants and increasing our support of the Global Fund, the United States has the opportunity to dramatically advance the fight. We sincerely hope that you will consider these steps as crucial improvements to the most generous package ever allocated to fight AIDS. Your support of the Global Fund is vital to combating the epidemic, and we look forward to seeing the benefits of your support in the months to come.

Sincerely,

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