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Global problem

Thank you for presenting the human face of America's continuing AIDS epidemic. Though HIV/AIDS seems under control in America, there are still nearly 50,000 (2013) new infections each year, almost 14,000 deaths (2012) and less than half receive antiretroviral treatment (2011). The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria is making great progress to control AIDS in our world, thanks to funding from America and other countries and private donors. This year, the Global Fund is seeking another three-year funding commitment. Without this, all three diseases will roar back and be harder to treat. This is our opportunity to create an AIDS-free world. To ensure Congress acts, please contact your representatives and senators and ask them to robustly fund this life-saving organization. Let's make everyone a survivor.

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