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Amida Care Responds to President Trump's Pledge to End HIV Transmissions by 2030

In his State of the Union address, President Trump pledged to end new HIV transmissions in the United States by 2030. Amida Care President and CEO Doug Wirth's op-ed in response to this news, "[Want to end HIV/AIDS, President Trump? Look to New York, and stop undermining access to care](#)" was published in the **New York Daily News** on February 6.

In the op-ed, Wirth writes that to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, President Trump "should start by looking at what is working right here, in his home state of New York,



which is the national leader in the effort to end the HIV epidemic, thanks in no small part to Governor Andrew Cuomo's leadership." Wirth also points out that while we are encouraged by the President's words at the State of the Union, and the renewed attention his administration plans to pay to this critical fight, actions speak far louder than words, and the Trump administration has taken a number of steps that have actively undercut

efforts to end the HIV epidemic. These include proposing deep cuts to Medicare Part D, which would remove key protections connecting people living with HIV to treatment; repeated attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and slash Medicaid; and proposing cuts to programs that fight poverty, unemployment, food insecurity, and housing instability.

We need federal policies that uphold the rights of all Americans, including LGBTQ people, immigrants, and people of color, and we need funding and resources for HIV prevention and care. If the President is serious about this commitment, he must follow New York's lead: implement policies that address health disparities and promote access to health care.

Learn more by reading the op-ed: <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-want-to-end-hiv-aids-look-to-new-york-20190206-story.html>

