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Pennsylvania Department of Health  
8th Floor West  
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Dear Pennsylvania Department of Health:

The community representatives of the Pennsylvania HIV Planning Group (HPG) have recently come to understand that Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) has approached you about the possibility of spearheading a new statewide Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) program. Accordingly, the HPG understands that JHF is working collaboratively with you and other Pennsylvania parties to assess the feasibility of such a program in our state, including efforts to define its operational parameters.

The HPG understands that, nationally, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has developed an EHE program with the twin goals of reducing new HIV infections and advancing health equity. We also understand that other jurisdictions have developed EHE programs and that local EHE success stories are featured at <https://www.cdc.gov/ehe/php/stories/index.html>.

The HPG supports the above-mentioned feasibility assessment. As a matter of principle, the HPG welcomes sincere efforts to advance the HHS' EHE goals in Pennsylvania. We equally welcome further opportunities to explore how the HPG's unique capabilities can dovetail with any EHE program Pennsylvania adopts.

Sincerely,

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PA HIV Planning Group