Ask Congress to Fund Testing and Care Programs!

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May 19 was National Hepatitis Testing Day in the United States. National Hepatitis Testing Day serves as a reminder that everybody should know their status with viral hepatitis – approximately 5 million Americans are living with viral hepatitis, many of whom do not know they have it.

Adequate funding for programs that increase testing capacity and linkage to care is required to stem the tide and ultimately eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030, a goal set by the World Health Organization (WHO). The most recent budget proposal from President Biden includes a $13.5 million increase for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Viral Hepatitis, a historic increase in year-over-year funding by percentage. Still, there remains a significant amount of work to be done to fully eliminate viral hepatitis in the United States, including codifying greater funding for the CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis.

Email your Members of Congress today and urge them to support increased funding for viral hepatitis! You can easily reach them by clicking the button below, personalizing your message, and sending them a letter.

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