

REPEAL HIV ACT

Repeal Existing Policies that Encourage and Allow Legal HIV Discrimination Act



Bill Number

Reintroduced to the House as H.R. 1739 by Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Purpose of Bill

The REPEAL HIV Act will direct the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Department of Defense (DOD) to initiate a national review of federal and state laws and policies, and judicial precedents involving people living with HIV, and then develop and publicly release best practice recommendations for states and establish a monitoring and evaluation system to measure progress.

This bill does not impact the prosecution of individuals who intentionally transmit or attempt to transmit HIV to another individual.

Action Request

Urge your representatives and senators to support and cosponsor this bill, as it will review current laws that may discriminate against those living with HIV/AIDS. Thank your representatives and senators that have already co-sponsored the REPEAL HIV Act.

Talking Points

- **We need clear and accurate policies on this issue.** This law recognizes that policies that regarding people living with HIV/AIDS should reflect evidence-based, medically accurate understandings of HIV transmission, health implications, and treatment, and should not place unique or additional burdens on those individuals solely as a result of their HIV status.
- **This will be a transparent process.** The review would be headed by the Attorney General, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Defense and all of the results must be shared with Congress and made publicly available.