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As we embark on World AIDS Day on December 1, 2022, we acknowledge the significant health disparities across the HIV prevention and care continuum that continue to persist in the U.S. and across the world.

We stand in solidarity with marginalized populations and underserved communities affected by intersectional stigmas associated with HIV status, race and ethnicity, sexual and gender identity, substance use, and mental health; the same communities that often contend with social and structural barriers to engagement in HIV testing, treatment, and care.

This year's theme, ***"Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV"*** reminds us to confront historical practices and structures that sustain negative health outcomes among communities most affected by HIV.

"Putting Ourselves to the Test" means that we commit to centering community voices and lived experience in all we do. This extends to meaningfully engaging community members in research and activities from development to implementation to be successful.

Most importantly, we also must ensure that we are engaging communities to successfully recruit and train students who are ***Black, Indigenous and People of Color*** to increase the pipeline of HIV investigators working in the most impacted communities. On this World AIDS Day and each day moving forward, we will ***Put Ourselves to the Test to Achieve Health Equity to End HIV.***