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***ENZI SAYS GLOBAL AIDS RELIEF PROGRAM MUST IMPROVE  
FOCUS ON CARE, TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH HIV/AIDS***

**Washington D.C.** – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, R-WY, Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP Committee), said today global AIDS relief must focus on treating more individuals with HIV.

“We must focus our efforts on providing care and treatment to everyone infected with HIV,” Enzi said. “Orphanages should not have to choose which HIV-infected child can live. Unfortunately, that treatment emphasis is lost in the bills currently pending before the Senate.”

While praising the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Enzi called on the Senate to provide strong and continued support for the treatment and care of individuals with AIDS as it works to extend and improve PEPFAR.

“After traveling to Africa several times, I have seen firsthand the value of the President's global AIDS policy. It is truly one of the most successful foreign aid programs in the history of the United States,” Enzi maintained. “While the current bill pending in the Senate is a good start, we need to encourage all countries helping fight AIDS to make treatment a priority when it comes to funding.

“There are many additional changes that need to be made before the bill is considered by the full Senate - and I will work with my colleagues to reach agreement on those as quickly as we can.”

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