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Global AIDS Bill Passed, Congresswoman Sanchez Praises Legislation, AIDS Services Foundation

Washington, D.C.— The U.S. House of Representatives today passed H.R. 1298, the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act. The bill will be signed into law by President Bush on May 27th. The bill would send a total of \$15 billion dollars over a 5-year period to AIDS relief efforts in Africa and the Caribbean.

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez was a leading supporter of this legislation and, in a statement before the House of Representatives earlier this month, called for the swift passage of this bill. Citing the potential of this legislation to save the lives of millions of people, the Congresswoman recognized that these funds are desperately needed to combat the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. The Congresswoman also recognized the efforts of AIDS organizations who continue the fight against AIDS in local communities. She specifically cited AIDS Services Foundation Orange County, and brought recognition to the commitment and compassion of that organization and their efforts that have saved lives. [Click here to view her remarks.](#)

The Congresswoman has been a solid supporter of increased funding for HIV/AIDS programs and has been outspoken in her support of expanding access to care for people living with HIV. Congresswoman Sanchez will once again participate in opening ceremonies of AIDS Walk Orange County on Sunday, June 1, 2003. For information about AIDS Walk Orange County and to make a pledge on the secure website, please visit www.aidswalk.org/oc.