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Community Access National Network Welcomes Multinational Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) Call-to-Action

Praises Prevention Access Campaign's Leadership

WASHINGTON, DC (August 2, 2022) – The Community Access National Network, otherwise known as CANN, today welcomed the news about the Multinational Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) Call-to-Action announced during the 2022 International AIDS Conference, in Montreal.

Jen Laws, CANN President & CEO, issued the following statement: "While the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had previously recognized the reality of U=U, news about endorsement from the United States and Canadian governments is an astounding win for our partners at Prevention Access Campaign, and people living with HIV, at large. As we embark on efforts to End the HIV Epidemic, we must more readily integrate this message and the science of U=U into our public health planning and implementation of programs. Far too often, in the exciting age of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), we spend a great deal of resources on testing and PrEP linkage to care at the expense of people already living with HIV and needing help staying in care. To prevent new diagnoses and to close the extraordinary disparities is health in the United States, we must be able to BOTH care people already living with HIV/AIDS, AND better reach communities that would benefit from PrEP. The dirty secret we tend to forget is these are indeed the same communities, and we must do better. This moment of endorsement cannot be a mere formality, we must integrate the message and the science in our policies, programs, education, and outreach."

To view the Call-to-Action, visit https://tinyurl.com/bdz3aprh.

For general information, please contact CANN at info@tiicann.org.

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About the Community Access National Network: The mission of the Community Access National Network (CANN) is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Viral Hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking. These services must be affordable to the people who need them regardless of insurance status, income, or geographic location.