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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement, honoring World AIDS Day. According to UNAIDS, over 33 million people worldwide lived with HIV in 2009. Although the medical community has made strides in curbing the effects of HIV/AIDS, the virus is still commonplace in the developing world and too many people still do not get adequate treatment.

"World AIDS Day is an opportunity to recognize the millions of people living with HIV/AIDS and remember the millions who have died. As we look forward, it is critical to remain focused on preventing HIV infection and expanding access to life-saving treatment. Whether it is in a developing country or Minnesota we must remain committed to comprehensive prevention strategies to reduce infection rates while making treatment available."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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