Dear Mr O'Day,

We write to you as people living with HIV and allies, as public figures, scientists, medical professionals, and artists, committed to ending AIDS.

We commend Gilead Sciences, Inc. for your work developing the new long-acting HIV medicine Lenacapavir. Requiring only two injections a year, it could be a real game-changer worldwide for the people most excluded from high quality healthcare.

We urge Gilead to ensure that people in the Global South living with or at risk of HIV can access this groundbreaking medicine at the same time as people in the Global North can. We request that you license Lenacapavir now, without delay, through the Medicines Patent Pool and make the license open to all low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The Global South is home to most of the people who could benefit from Lenacapavir. Currently, across Asia, Africa and Latin America, around 1 million people become infected with HIV every year; imagine if we could prevent all these people from becoming infected, and thereby change their lives, delivering them from a lifetime of treatment and medical care. People who have been marginalized could especially benefit. A twice a year injection could be a radically positive change for people facing stigma, for young women fighting to take control of their own bodies, for LGBTQ people facing criminalization and discrimination, for sex workers, and for people who inject drugs.

This innovation could help end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 – but only if all who would benefit from it can access it. We are deeply concerned that so far Gilead has not put in place the elements to ensure that this happens.

The world now recalls with horror and shame that it took ten years and 12 million lives lost before generic versions of ARVs became available worldwide and thus HIV treatment on a large scale became possible for people in the South.

With Lenacapavir approved in the US and Europe for treatment, and likely to soon be available for prevention, there is no reason to delay the sharing of this technology with LMICs. While we are aware that previous access licenses that you signed have made treatments for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C available to people in low-income countries, we urge you, this time, to include middle-income countries as well.
Gilead’s long history of working with the global AIDS community to make medicines accessible includes licensing technology like Tenofovir to the Medicines Patent Pool and working with UNAIDS and others to advance access. Today nearly 24 million people living with HIV in the Global South are benefitting from Tenofovir. Your legacy can grow beyond this.

By sharing the technology with the whole of the Global South, you will help save lives, prevent HIV infections, and advance the end of the world’s deadliest pandemic. You can shape history.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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