

Hello,

My name is Michelle and I'm one of the program coordinators for the HIV prevention program at Asian Human Services. My program, which reaches Asian men who have sex with men (MSM) who are at risk for HIV, is going to be eliminated next year due to lack of funding. It is highly suspected that the number of Asians living with HIV is under-reported due to language and cultural barriers. Our organization is designed to help Asian Americans break these barriers by offering free testing with health providers that understand the needs of Asian Americans. I sincerely hope that the City Council will vote to increase funding for HIV so we can continue to serve those who are in need in Chicago's Asian community.

Thank you,

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