

The ADAP Coalition

September 14, 2011

The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
S-131, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
S-146A, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inouye and Ranking Member Cochran:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations we are writing to urge your support for increased funding for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) in the FY2012 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. ADAPs need at least a \$106 million increase to continue to serve the thousands of new clients entering the programs every year. As you are aware, ADAPs provide HIV-related medications to under insured and uninsured individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. We applaud the Committee's past support for ADAP and are especially appreciative of the \$50 million increase to ADAPs in FY2011. However, ADAP waiting lists continue to grow at an astronomical rate.

In January of this year, there were 4,200 people on waiting lists. As of September 8, 2011 the number more than doubled to 9,066 people in 11 states waiting for lifesaving medication. The states with the greatest number of individuals on their lists are Florida (4,068), Georgia (1,659), Louisiana (1,071), South Carolina (601) and Virginia (957). Twenty ADAPs, including 10 with current waiting lists, have instituted additional cost containment measures since April 1, 2011 such as reduced formularies and enrollment caps. Additionally, 10 ADAPs are considering implementing new or additional cost-containment measures by the end of ADAPs current fiscal year (March 31, 2012).

The federal share of the national ADAP budget has been declining from a high of 68 percent in FY2000 to the current share of 45 percent. State funding has been increasing over the same time from 17% in FY2000 to 19% in FY2010. In FY2010, states contributed \$346.2 million, or 19 percent, of the overall ADAP budget, an increase of 61% over FY 2009. While some states have maintained or increased funds to ADAPs, other states are reevaluating their support, they simply cannot keep up with the demand.

Meanwhile, the ADAP Crisis Task Force (ACTF) will continue to negotiate with pharmaceutical manufacturers for reduced drug prices on behalf of all ADAPs. Since the inception of the ACTF in 2003, the agreements have realized cumulative savings

for ADAPs of almost \$1.2 billion.

While we understand the gravity of the U.S. fiscal situation, we need to ensure that people with HIV and AIDS receive the vital medications that keep them alive. Again we ask that you grant our request for an increase of at least \$106 million to help solve this ADAP crisis. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your staff to provide you with information detailing ADAPs' need for additional funding in Congress.

Sincerely,

1 Tribe, Florida
A Brave New Day, Mississippi
ADAP Advocacy Association
Advocates for Youth
AIDS Advocacy Task Force of Washington
AIDS Action Baltimore
AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts
AIDS Alabama
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families
AIDS Community Research Initiative of America
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS Funding Collaborative, Ohio
AID Gwinnett/Ric Crawford Clinic, Georgia
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
AIDS Legal Referral Panel, California
AIDS Partnership Michigan
AIDS Project Los Angeles
AIDS Services Foundation Orange County, California
AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland
AIDS United
AID Upstate, South Carolina
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association
American Social Health Association
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention
Behavioral Science Research, Florida
Belle Reve New Orleans, Louisiana
Bethany Place, Illinois
Beyond Care Inc. NFP, Illinois
BIENESTAR, California
Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

Broward House, Florida
CALOR, Illinois
Cascade AIDS Project, Oregon
Catawba Care, South Carolina
CAVDA-Citizens Aids Project, Illinois
Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc.
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers, Florida
Chicago House and Social Service Agency
Chicago Women's AIDS Project
Clare Housing, Minnesota
Colorado AIDS Project
Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition
Community Access National Network
Community AIDS Network, Florida
Community AIDS Resource and Education Services, Michigan
Community HIV/Hepatitis Advocates for Iowa Network
Community Services / Ryan White Program Part A, Tennessee
Desert AIDS Project, California
Doorways AIDS Housing Services, Missouri
E.C.H.O Research Center
Equality Florida
Exponents, New York
Fair Pricing Coalition
Florida HIV/AIDS Advocacy Network
Gay Men's Health Crisis
Georgia AIDS Coalition
Georgia Equality
Global Justice Institute
Harlem United Community AIDS Center Inc., New York
HealthHIV
HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan
HIV/AIDS Resource Center, Michigan
HIV Dental Alliance, Atlanta GA
HIV Law Project, New York
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance
Housing Works
Human Rights Campaign
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, New Jersey
Janssen Therapeutics
Jessie Trice Community Health Center, Inc.
Juniper Program, Virginia
Knowledge Ecology International
L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center

Lambda Legal, Illinois
Latino Commission on AIDS
Legacy Community Health Services, Inc.
Life Force for Action
Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Washington
Lowcountry AIDS Services, South Carolina
Marin AIDS Project of San Rafael, California
Miami Valley Positives for Positives, Ohio
Metropolitan Community Churches
Metropolitan Community Church of the Palm Beaches, Florida
Michigan Positive Action Coalition
Minnesota AIDS Project
Minority AIDS Awareness Council of Peoria
Missouri Aids Task Force
Moveable Feast, Maryland
Nashville CARES
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Alliance for HIV Education and Workforce Development
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
National Association of People With AIDS
National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network
National Coalition for LGBT Health
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women Greater Miami Section
National Latino AIDS Action Network
National Minority AIDS Council
Nebraska AIDS Project
NO/AIDS Task Force, Louisiana
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
Northeastern New York Policy Advisory Partnership
Northern Colorado AIDS Project
Northwest Florida AIDS/HIV Consortium
Okaloosa AIDS Support and Informational Services, Inc., Florida
Open Door Clinic, Illinois
Orange County HIV/AIDS Advocacy Team
Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services, Inc., South Carolina
Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative
Philadelphia FIGHT, Pennsylvania
Pinellas/Pasco Perinatal Program
Positive Iowans Taking Charge
Positively Aware Magazine
Prevention On The Move, Florida
Project Inform

Prologue, Inc., Illinois
Public Personalities Against AIDS Trust, Zimbabwe
Salud Latina/Latino Health, Illinois
San Francisco AIDS Foundation, California
Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc., South Carolina
San Mateo County HIV Program Community Board, California
Seattle AIDS Walk & 5K Run, Washington
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
S.I.S.T.A.H.S Today, Inc., Florida
South Carolina HIV/ AIDS Care Crisis Task Force
South Carolina Primary Health Care Association
Southern AIDS Coalition
Southern Colorado AIDS Project
South Side Help Center, Illinois
START at Westminster, District of Columbia
The ACCESS Network, Inc., South Carolina
The AIDS Institute
The American Academy of HIV Medicine
The Center for HIV Law & Policy, New York
The National Association of People with AIDS
The PLACE of Comfort, Florida
The Poverello Center, Florida
Treatment Access Expansion Project, Massachusetts
United States Positive Women's Network
ViiV Healthcare
Village Care
VOCAL New York
Western North Carolina AIDS Project
Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases

cc: Senate Appropriations Members