Dear (Member of Congress/President Bush)

The undersigned organizations are writing to urge your support for an emergency supplemental appropriation of $180 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), for Fiscal Year 2004.

As you know, ADAP, funded under Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act, provides access to treatment for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS who are uninsured or lack adequate prescription drug coverage. It is the final safety net for Americans who have no other means of accessing HIV medications, and a lifeline for approximately 90,000 clients every month.

However, many state ADAPs are facing financial difficulties and unable to meet the needs of those who depend on the program. According to the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), as of November 2003, sixteen states have implemented restrictions to treatment access, including waiting lists of nearly 700 people in thirteen states. Five more states are anticipating new or additional restrictions in the next few months.

Meanwhile, the number of people depending on ADAP continues to grow. The Bush Administration has strongly encouraged that all Americans learn their HIV status, and by implementing policies such as the approval and dissemination of the rapid HIV test, the numbers of people being tested are growing. As the ADAP Monitoring Report produced by NASTAD, the AIDS Treatment Data Network, and the Kaiser Family Foundation illustrates, many of these new HIV cases are people who are disproportionately uninsured and low-income and need safety net programs such as ADAP to access treatment that will keep them healthy and productive.

The House/Senate Labor-HHS Conference Committee has approved a $35 million increase for ADAP for FY 2004. While this increase is appreciated, it falls well short of the $215 million increase identified by treatment experts as needed to alleviate the current ADAP crisis. Therefore, we urge your leadership in securing an emergency supplemental appropriation for the remaining $180 million. In addition, we urge you to also support the highest funding possible for the entire Ryan White CARE Act and other vital HIV/AIDS programs in the next appropriations process.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Organizational list forming

ACT UP, Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio
ACT UP East Bay, Oakland, California
ACT UP Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Action for a Better Community Action Front Center, Rochester, New York
Adelante, Inc., Toledo, Ohio
AHF San Francisco and Oakland HCC's, San Francisco, California
AIDS Action, Washington, DC
AIDS Action Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland
AIDS Action Coalition/Davis Clinic, Huntsville, Alabama
AIDS Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama
AIDS Coalition of Texas Now! ACT Now, Houston, Texas
AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
AIDS Housing Association of Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington
AIDS Housing of Washington, Seattle, Washington
AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
AIDS Legal Services, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, San Jose, California
AIDS Network of the Tri-State Area, Martinsburg, West Virginia
AIDS Project Greater Danbury, Danbury, Connecticut
AIDS Response-Seacoast, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
AIDS Service Foundation, Orange County, Irvine, California
AIDS Services Association of Pinellas, Inc, Largo, Florida
AIDS Services of Austin, Austin, Texas
AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio
AIDS Treatment Data Network, New York, New York
AIDS Treatment News, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
American Academy of HIV Medicine, Los Angeles, California
American Association of People with Disabilities, Washington, DC
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, San Francisco, California
Arkansas ADAP Working Group, Little Rock, Arkansas
At Home Total Care, Charlotte, North Carolina
B & B Ready, Inc, Valley Cottage, New York
Bailey House, New York, New York
BASIC NWFL, Inc, Panama City, Florida
Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Valley Cottage, New York
Breaking Barriers, Sacramento, California
Brothers United, Indianapolis, Indiana
Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services, Las Cruces, New Mexico
Camp Heartland, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Canadian Treatment Action Council, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Care Resource, Miami, Florida
Caring Community for AIDS, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
Caritas House, Inc, Morgantown, West Virginia
Cascade AIDS Project, Portland, Oregon
Center for Family Care, Jersey City, New Jersey
Central City AIDS Network, Inc, Macon, Georgia
Central Florida Health Care, Inc, Avon Park, Florida
CHAMP Advocacy, Inc, Salt Lake City, Utah
Chicago Women's Aids Project, Chicago, Illinois
Cleveland County Health Department, Shelby, North Carolina
Coastal Women's Shelter, Inc, New Bern, North Carolina
COHSC/Central City Day, Indianapolis, Indiana
Columbus AIDS Task Force, Columbus, Ohio
Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition, Washington, DC
Community Outreach and Health Education Programs, Davis, California
Community Service Network, Inc, Dunn, North Carolina
Continuum, San Francisco, California
Council of Religious AIDS Networks, Garrison, New York
Covener, PA Civil Rights Initiative, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
David's House, Toledo, Ohio
Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corporation, Denver, Colorado
Desert AIDS Project, Palm Springs, California
Dignity/USA National AIDS Project, Washington, DC
Domestic Partnership Task Force of the New Jersey Gay and Lesbian Coalition, New Brunswick, New Jersey
EIP Program at Kennedy Health System, Somerdale, New Jersey
Equinox, Inc, Albany, New York
Families' and Children's AIDS Network, Chicago, Illinois
Families in New Directions, Los Angeles, California
Florida Caribbean AETC, Orlando, Florida
Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research, Brooklyn, New York
Gay Activist Alliance In Morris County, Convent Station, New Jersey
Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, San Francisco, California
Georgia Rural Urban Summit, Decatur, Georgia
Grady Health System, Infectious Disease Program, Atlanta, Georgia
Greater Chicago Committee/Jelani Unified Men's Project, Chicago, Illinois
Guilford County Department of Public Health, Greensboro, North Carolina
Health Mentoring Services, Dover, Arkansas
Health Students Taking Action Together, Decatur, Georgia
Hepatitis C Caring Ambassadors Program, Oregon City, Oregon
HIV Advocacy Council of Oregon and SW Washington, Portland, Oregon
HIV Alliance, Eugene, Oregon
HIV/AIDS Law Project-Volunteer Lawyers Program, Phoenix, Arizona
HMA-I Community Advisory Board, Albuquerque, New Mexico
House of Mercy, Belmont, North Carolina
Howard Brown Health Center, Chicago, Illinois
Human Rights Campaign, Washington, DC
Human Rights Watch, New York, New York
Humboldt County HIV Care Consortium, Eureka, California
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, Morristown, New Jersey
Immunology Center, Miriam Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island
Inner Growth Ministry Outreach, Greensboro, North Carolina
International AIDS Empowerment, El Paso, Texas
Iowa Center for AIDS Resources and Education, Iowa City, Iowa
Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc, Special Programs Division, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Jersey Pride, Inc., New Brunswick, New Jersey
JSAS Healthcare, Inc, Asbury Park, New Jersey
Kansas Care Through Housing, Wichita, Kansas
Lee County Health Department, Dixon, Illinois
Los Angeles Family AIDS Network, Los Angeles, California
Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, New York
Marin Treatment Center, San Rafael, California
Mascata & Associates, Inc., Miami, Florida
Medical Advocates for Social Justice, Chicago, Illinois
Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio
Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network, Ukiah, California
Messiah International Ministries, South Euclid, Ohio
Miami Family Care Program (Ryan White Title IV)- U of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida
Michigan Advocates Exchange, Inc, Ypsilanti, Michigan
Michigan Positive Action Coalition, Detroit, Michigan
Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center-Missouri, St Louis, Missouri
Mitchell County Health Department, Bakersville, North Carolina
ML King Academy, Vineland, New Jersey
MNHC-HIV Clinic, San Francisco, California
Morning Star Hostel, Houston, Texas
Mother's Voices, Miami, Florida
names Project Foundation, Central New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey
NAMES Project Foundation (Upper Ohio Valley Chapter), Wheeling, West Virginia
National AIDS Fund Partner, Greensboro, North Carolina
National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project, New York, New York
National Alliance of State and Territorial Programs, Washington, DC
National Health Law Program, Los Angeles, California
National Minority AIDS Council, Washington, DC
NC Council for Positive Living, Burlington, North Carolina
NE Counties Outreach, Omak, Washington
New England AIDS Education and Training Center, Boston, Massachusetts
New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition AIDS Task Force, New Brunswick, New Jersey
New Jersey Women and AIDS Network, New Brunswick, New Jersey
New Leaf: Services For Our Community, San Francisco, California
New Mexico AIDS Services, Albuquerque, New Mexico
New York AIDS Coalition, New York, New York
Northern Colorado AIDS Project, Ft. Collins, Colorado
Northern Maine Ryan White Title III Program, Penobscot, Maine
Northern Nevada HOPES, Reno, Nevada
OASIS/ Spectrum Clinics, Los Angeles, California
Ohio AIDS Coalition, Columbus, Ohio
Partnership Project, Portland, Oregon
Persons Living with AIDS, Roebuck, South Carolina
Persons Living with HIV Action Network of Colorado, Denver, Colorado
Pierce County AIDS Foundation, Tacoma, Washington
Planet Poz, Albuquerque, New Mexico
PLGTF PA Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Positive Family Services, Phoenix, Arizona
Positive Opportunities, Inc., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Positive Voices, Little Rock, Arkansas
POZSeattle, Seattle, Washington
Public Interest Las Firm of Rochester, Rochester, New York
Rainbow Promise MCC, Lakeland, Florida
Rapids Aids Project, Washington, DC
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, New Jersey
Ryan White Consortium #5, Toledo, Ohio
Salina-Saline County Health Department, Salina, Kansas
Salt Lake Community Action Program, Salt Lake City, Utah
San Francisco Bay Area Physician Assistants/Physician Assistant AIDS Network, San Francisco, California
San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, San Francisco, California
San Jose Clinic, Houston, Texas
Santa Cruz Care Team-HIV Case Management, Santa Cruz, California
Search for a Cure, Boston, Massachusetts
Shasta Community Health Center, Redding, California
Shelbourne House, Miami Beach, Florida
Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont, Greensboro, North Carolina
South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, Biloxi, Mississippi
Southwest C.A.R.E. Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Special Audiences, Newark, New Jersey
Spokane AIDS Network, Spokane, Washington
St. Mary's Medical Center, San Francisco, California
STOP AIDS Project, San Francisco, California
Straight from The Heart, Lakeland, Florida
Survive AIDS, San Francisco, California
Tapestry Health, Florence, Massachusetts
Texas AIDS Network, Austin, Texas
The Association for the Diversity in Motorsports, Greensboro, North Carolina
The Chicago Area HIV/AIDS Caucus, EASE, Chicago, Illinois
The Diversity House Project, Macon, Georgia
The Ecumenical AIDS Ministry; A ministry of the S.C. Christian Action Council, Columbia, South Carolina
The HUG-Me Program, Orlando, Florida
The Lambda Letters Project, Citrus Heights, California
The Las Vegas Ryan White EMA Planning Council, Las Vegas, Nevada
The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Rockville, Maryland
The National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, Brooklyn, New York
The NorthSide HIV and Health Coalition, Chicago, Illinois
The Oshun Center, San Francisco, California
The Pediatric AIDS Chicago Initiative, Chicago, Illinois
The River Fund, Sebastian, Florida
The South Carolina AIDS Advocacy Network, Columbia, South Carolina
The South Jersey Council on AIDS, Inc, Barrington, New Jersey
The Thundermist Health Center, Woonsocket, Rhode Island
ToGether We Can, Inc., Miami, Florida
Treatment Action Group, New York, New York
Triad Health Project, Greensboro, North Carolina
Two Spirit Society of Denver, Denver, Colorado
University of Michigan HIV/AIDS Treatment Program, Arbor, Michigan
University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City, Utah
Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry, Canfield, Ohio
Utah Title II Treatment and Care Committee Member, Salt Lake City, Utah
Valley AIDS Council, Harlingen, Texas
Vermont People with AIDS Coalition, Montpelier, Vermont
Visiting Nurses Association of New Jersey, North Brunswick, New Jersey
Voices of Women of Color Against HIV/AIDS, Brooklyn, New York
West Virginia HIV Care Consortium, Wheeling, West Virginia
Western North Community Community Health Services, Asheville, North Carolina
Whitman-Walker Clinic, NOVA, Arlington, Virginia
Women At Risk, Culver City, California