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March 31, 1998

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The Board of Directors of Mothers' Voices cordially invites you to serve as a Celebrated Guest at our *Seventh Annual Extraordinary Voices Awards Luncheon* to be held on May 7, 1998. This event is our celebration of the year's achievements as well as our major fund-raiser. We would be particularly pleased to include you in this year's celebration because of your extraordinary leadership and commitment thus far in your challenging role as Director of National AIDS Policy.

We believe that this is a pivotal time in the life of the epidemic. As more treatment options become available, it is essential that we advocate health policies that guarantee access to everyone in need of medical attention. In addition to our continuous prevention and treatment advocacy efforts, we also are taking a leadership role in promoting effective strategies that offer additional hope in reducing the spread of HIV. Primary among these strategies is our belief in the need for comprehensive sexuality education and the availability of federal funding for local needle exchange programs. We are truly grateful for your leadership on these issues and the others to which you bring your expertise and clear-headed approach.

It has been our pleasure to work with you during your tenure as AIDS Czar. To thank you publicly, we invite to join us at this year's luncheon as a Celebrated Guest. The Keynote Speaker for this year's luncheon is Tipper Gore so you will not need to prepare a speech unless you would like to say a few words.

The luncheon program begins on Thursday, May 7th at 11:30 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City with scheduled press opportunities prior to the program. The program will conclude no later than 2 P.M.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Trish Moylan Torruella
Executive Director

cc: Amy Whitcomb Slemmer

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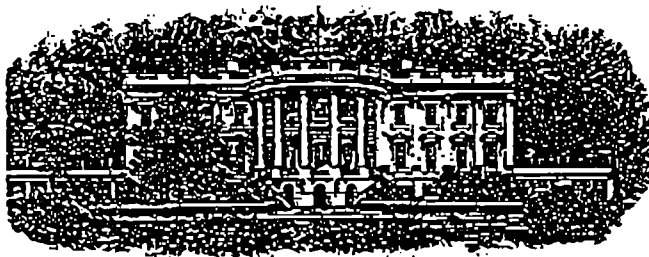
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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May 7, 1998

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor and a privilege for me to be invited to take part in Mothers' Voices' Seventh Annual Extraordinary Voices Awards Luncheon held here today. For you are the true voices of our children's hope for a better future.

Speaking as a mother of four, I can understand the pain of watching your child struggle for his or her life and feeling helpless in the process. As some of you may remember, Al and I watched our only son Albert fight for his life a few years ago after he was a victim of a terrible car accident. I know about a mother's tears and heartache for a child all too well.

The efforts of Mothers' Voices continues to play a critical role in advocating for the needs of those who are living and too often suffering from a life-threatening illness such as AIDS or by the complications of HIV infection. By keeping the issue at the forefront of this nation's agenda, you have helped make a difference in bettering the lives of thousands across this country.

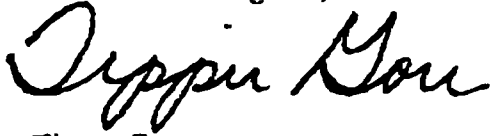
Last year, for the first time in the history of this disease, we saw a decline in the number of lives lost to AIDS. Yet we also know that people of color, women and young gay men did not show equal improvement and continue to be disproportionately impacted by the scourge of this disease. With over five and a half million new infections occurring each year across the globe, there is still so much more to do.

I want you to know that this Administration is working hard to end this epidemic. Since 1993, the President and Vice President have helped increased badly needed funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program by 450%. Funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has more than tripled and research and prevention funding have also increased. Yet, there is still a lot more we can do.

Aside from the importance of raising funds to battle this disease, let us not forget what we as mothers and care givers can do every single day. There is no better prescription than hugging, kissing, and telling our children how much we love them which is critical to their overall well-being. The stigma often associated with this disease is just another barrier to overcome. Your love can serve as a powerful shield and it can provide them with a safe place to heal.

As a parent, I am proud to be a part of Mothers' Voices because of its commitment to help those who are not able to help themselves and its determination to help find a cure and a vaccine for those at risk. Together, we can lift this message of hope and love across the country so our children can have the best possible life in a world where HIV/AIDS continues to threaten our families. Thank you for letting me be a part of your fight and for your gift to our nation.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tipper Gore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "T".

Tipper Gore