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**Sandra L. Thurman
Director , Office of National AIDS Policy**

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New Zealand Embassy
7 - 10 PM**

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Sandy Thurman
U.S. AIDS Policy Director
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

February 3, 2000

Dear Sandy:

I am following up on my voice mail message regarding the April 1, 2000 Spokebusters event. The DC Spokebusters are one of the groups most prominent in our AIDS Ride and others around the country. More than this, a number of these great men and women are volunteers at Food & Friends. One of these, Pete Clifford, a long-time volunteer here at the kitchen, asked that I transmit the group's Gala invitation.

The team will hold its annual fund-raiser on April 1 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Embassy of New Zealand. The Spokebusters hope that you will attend and say a few words at about 8:00 that evening. Joe Krebs will participate in the program as will I. You may respond directly to Pete Clifford at his home phone.

As you know, I am an official AIDS Ride Wildman. I am as stirred by this event today as I was five years ago; more so probably. You have been a great friend of this event and having you on these Rides is just terrific.

I am completely partial to these Spokebusters. People like Pete help us out both regularly and when we are under particular duress. Consequently, I hope that you can join with other friends on April 1.

Sincere regards,

Craig M. Shniderman

cc: Pete Clifford

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February 2, 2000

Ms. Sandy Thurman
U.S. AIDS Policy Director
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Dear Ms. Thurman;

I was very pleased and proud to see you as a rider in last year's DC AIDS Ride. Your presence was a highly visible demonstration of President Clinton's commitment to end the AIDS epidemic that is moving so rapidly through the world, and through segments of the American population.

This year, nine dedicated and courageous individuals from the DC metropolitan area have made the commitment to ride in all five of Tanqueray's AIDS Rides USA. Each of these unique riders, called "Spokebusters", will ride over 2,000 miles in the course of 24 days, travelling through 10 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to raising funds to help people living with HIV/AIDS, the Spokebusters will increase national awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic and will educate people about the resources available in the areas through which they will ride.

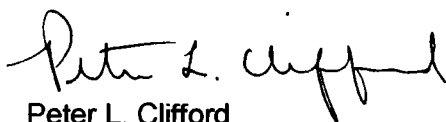
The DC Spokebuster team members must collectively raise a minimum of \$100,000 this year. To help reach this substantial fundraising commitment, the nine of us are holding a major fundraising Gala on Saturday, April 1st at the New Zealand Embassy. This event will consist of an elegant cocktail party and silent auction. This will be the third annual Spokebuster Gala and we anticipate attendance by approximately 200 guests. Joe Krebs, Channel 4 newscaster and fellow AIDS Rider, will be our guest auctioneer.

I am writing on behalf of my DC area Spokebuster teammates to invite you to attend this important event and if you are willing, to make a few remarks about the administration's goals and accomplishment in the fight against AIDS.

The funds raised at this Gala will be distributed to all five of the American AIDS Rides, with emphasis on our local Ride beneficiaries, Food & Friends and the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

We thank you for your work in developing policies that are providing much needed care and services to people who need help now. We hope you will attend our Gala. If you have any questions, please call me at the number above.

Yours truly,


Peter L. Clifford

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April 21, 2000

Ms. Sandra Thurman
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Dear Sandy:

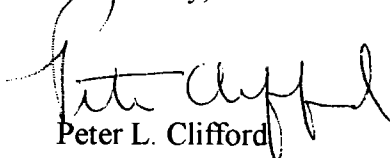
I apologize for delaying this letter of thanks to you for your role in our very successful Gala at the New Zealand Embassy, but I was waiting for the enclosed photos.

Well, we did it. The Gala netted us over \$20,000. The proceeds will be immediately put to work through many AIDS service agencies across the country helping those in need.

Speaking for all of the DC Area Spokebusters, I really appreciate you taking the time to attend our fundraiser. Your presence added a certain level of scale that I'm convinced motivated some of the guests to want to attend. Your remarks were right on target and reflected your commitment to this cause.

The Spokebusters are committed to continue riding and raising money for as long as there is a need. Unfortunately, there will be a need for such a Gala again next year. Regardless of your position, in or out of Government at that time, we hope that you will be able to attend. Best wishes in all of your future endeavors. It was a real pleasure to meet you.

Yours truly,


Peter L. Clifford