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Ignatius Bau, J.D.
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Dear Mr. Bau:

President Clinton has asked me to respond to your letter expressing strong support for increased funding in Fiscal Year 2001 for the Minority AIDS Initiative.

The statistics you provide are staggering and they point to the harsh reality that AIDS is far from over. I want to assure you that this Administration remains committed to doing everything we can to respond effectively to the epidemic, both here at home and around the world. While we have made great strides, there are many challenges that lie ahead. With 40,000 new infections each and every year in this country, and steadily increasing numbers within minority communities, we must ensure that prevention, care and treatment, and research is targeted to the populations most in need. The Minority AIDS Initiative can indeed help us to meet that goal.

Past experience has shown us that by working together we can make remarkable progress in our shared struggle against AIDS. As we continue to fight for increases in AIDS funding, your support will be crucial to our success. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of all those living with HIV and AIDS.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Sent 6/13/00