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Dear Ms. Thurman -

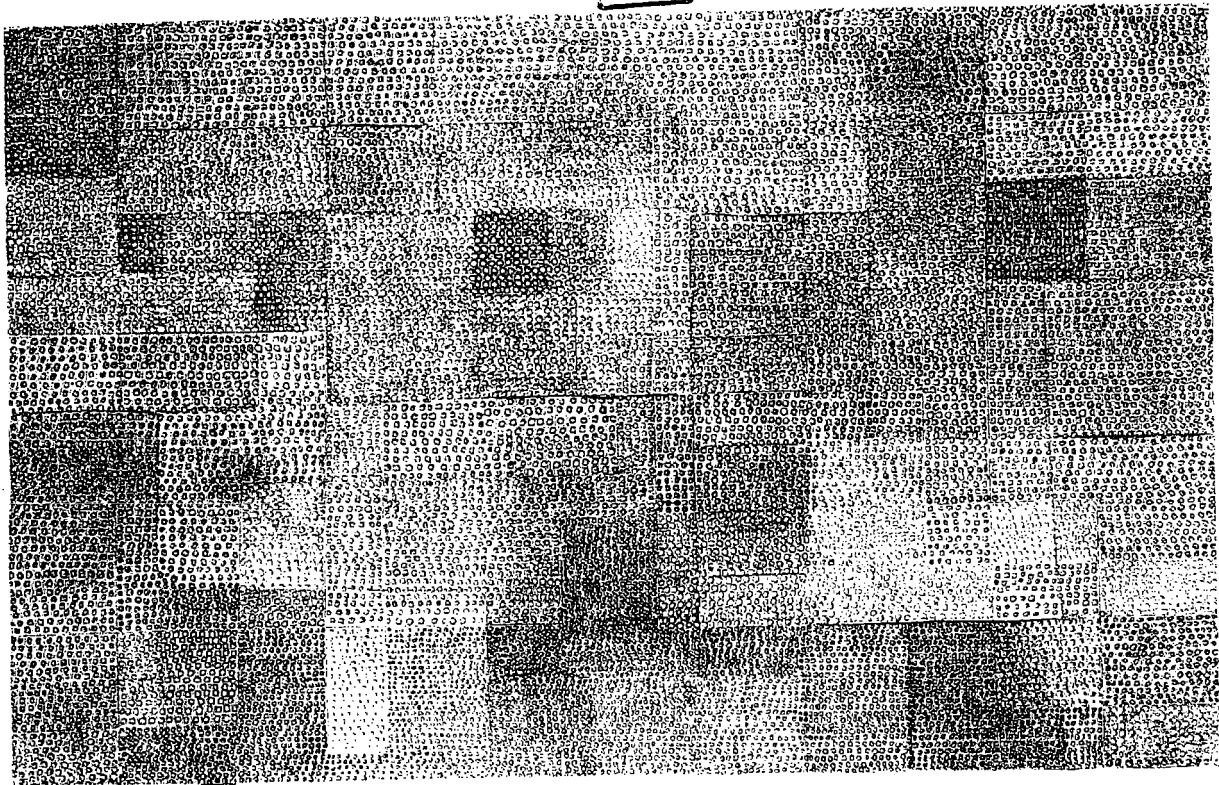
I had the good fortune of being introduced to you several weeks ago - in late June - at a very fun gathering of "White House Women" at the Music City Roadhouse. We were introduced by Audrey Haynes, who is a former boss and close friend of mine.

On that evening I mentioned to you my involvement as co-chair of my church's AIDS Mission - at Trinity United Methodist Church. We put together a benefit concert annually to raise funds for local charities that provide direct service to people living w/ AIDS/HIV. Mrs. Clinton is once again serving as honorary chair of the concert, but ^{it is} ~~she~~ unlikely she will be able to attend due to a scheduled trip.

So I, of course, was gauche enough to put you on the spot and ask if you would be willing to join us at the concert and perhaps read a letter that Mrs. Clinton intends to send to the audience. You were so very gracious in saying that if at all possible you'd be willing to attend as our guest.

At this time I'm writing to follow up on our conversation and let you know that the concert is scheduled for Friday, September 25th. I've enclosed an informal invitation with most of the relevant information.

Should ~~this event~~ your schedule permit, it would be an honor to have you join us. Over the past five years, we've raised almost \$50,000 for our beneficiaries, and that number
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keeps growing by a larger amount each year.

I will follow up in a week or so by phone to check on your schedule & availability. In the meantime, you can reach me at work at 202-293-1100 x152 or at home, 202-

237-6744. Thanks again for your graciousness &

understanding Sincerely, Suzanne Stokes

(P.S. I'm also enclosing a copy of a "post AIDS ride" newsletter written by my co-Chair, Randy Lewis, who participated in the DC ride for the first time this year. Thought you might be able to relate!)

Paul Klee, (1879-1940)

Polyphony, 1932

Oil on canvas, 26 1/8 x 41 3/4 in.

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August 31, 1998

Ms. Sandy Thurman

Director
Office of the National AIDS Policy Director
Executive Office of the President
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I admire you very much for the work that you are doing in the grim field of AIDS - a field that you have worked in for some fifteen years. I understand that you started out as a Hospice volunteer and then you worked at AID Atlanta - first as the development director and then the executive director.

Would you please autograph for me on the fronts the enclosed AIDS envelope and the enclosed Pres. Clinton Inauguration cover? (I understand that you worked on Mr. Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign.) I would be most grateful. And, if possible, would you also send me an autographed photo? Again I would be most appreciative.

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for returning the autographed material.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Delmont F. Fleming

Delmont F. Fleming
161 Longstreet Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald
37th District
California

September 22, 1998

*Matthew
Fine response*

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

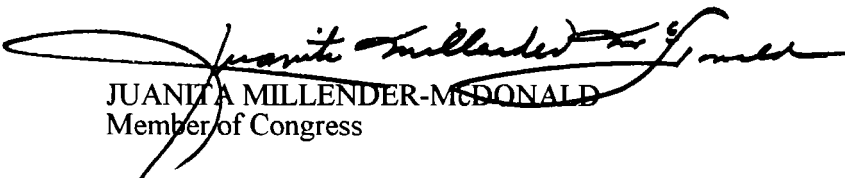
Dear Ms. Thurman:

Knowing of your ongoing interest in HIV/AIDS, I am sending you a tee shirt as a reminder of my continued advocacy for increased funding and improved services for people living with AIDS. I started planning my annual AIDS Walk and related educational activities in 1995 and successfully organized the first-ever Minority Women and Children AIDS Walk in 1997. Over the past few years, I have convened numerous workshops on prevention, intervention, treatment, and access to federal resources and have created an Advisory Board of noted physicians and researchers. Although we have seen tremendous gains in the FDA approval of more drugs and the expanded life span of people living with HIV in recent years, we still have far too many obstacles to overcome before we can declare victory.

This past year, the overall number of deaths associated with AIDS fell while the number of minority women and children who contract and die from this disease continued to climb. HIV infection is the leading cause of death among Black women age 25 to 44. Fifty-seven percent of all HIV cases are among African Americans, 55% are among people under 34 years old, and minorities represent 82% of all AIDS cases among children in this country. In addition, it costs more than \$150,000 to treat a person for HIV infection and at the current rate of annual infections in the United States, the nation adds \$6.2 billion in future health care costs alone for HIV every year. Clearly, we cannot afford to let these staggering statistics paralyze us. By organizing regional events such as the annual Minority Women and Children's AIDS Walk and providing valuable education and prevention programs in communities most in need, we can make a significant impact on the lives of minority women and children.

Thank you for your support as I continue to work for increased funding for education programs for the underserved, minority and low-income communities as well as more access to the wonder drugs which are successfully extending the lives of HIV positive people nearly tenfold. I hope that you will be able to join me for the 1999 AIDS Walk in April and other future AIDS awareness events. I would appreciate your input and thoughts on these efforts.

Sincerely,


JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD
Member of Congress

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AIDS ACTION

September 4, 1998

The Honorable Donna Shalala
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

On behalf of AIDS Action, the national voice on AIDS, representing all Americans affected by HIV/AIDS and the 3,200 community-based service organizations that serve them, I am writing to stress the importance of HIV prevention and the need to increase federal HIV prevention funding by twenty-five percent to stem the rate of new infections. It is critical that HIV prevention be a priority for HHS when you meet with OMB on September 14 to discuss the Administration's budget request for fiscal year 2000. Federal HIV prevention funding at the CDC has been essentially flat during the past three years. As we enter the new millenium, AIDS Action urges the Administration to make HIV prevention a priority.

Enclosed are recent articles from major newspapers throughout the country on our unveiling of a ten-point plan to reinvigorate HIV prevention efforts in our nation. AIDS Action recommends prevention interventions that are rooted in science and empirical data to curb the rising rate of new HIV infections. Unfortunately, our nation's current HIV prevention efforts are insufficient and inadequately linked with other public health priorities. We encourage HHS to continue to work with the Surgeon General to get accurate, new prevention messages out to America, especially our youth, women, and communities of color.

HIV prevention remains our best line of defense against the tide of new infections, especially among young people, women, and communities of color. A funding increase is needed to keep pace with an epidemic that unfortunately continues to grow at a rate of 40,000 to 60,000 new infections a year, half of which occur among people under the age of 25. As you know, the CDC estimates that 650,000 to 900,000 Americans are now living with HIV disease. These tragic figures highlight the need to increase funding for this infectious disease.

Increased prevention is our best hope to reverse the trend of new infections, and limit the ravages of HIV/AIDS among communities of color and women. The Congressional Black Caucus recently declared a "State of Emergency" because of the alarming rates of HIV/AIDS in the black community. As you are aware, Blacks and Latinos make up 66% of AIDS cases, and blacks account for more AIDS cases than any other racial/ethnic group.

Thank you for your commitment to the HIV/AIDS portfolio in general which has resulted in a decline of AIDS deaths for two straight years. Now, your leadership is needed in the area of HIV prevention to ensure that new infections begin to decline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Zingale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" and last name "Zingale" clearly legible.

Daniel Zingale
Executive Director

cc: David Breier
Eric Goosby
Chris Jennings
Daniel Mendehlson
Kevin Thurm
✓ Sandy Thurman

Houston Chronicle

Tuesday, July 21, 1998

AIDS activists demand more funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Demanding millions more for HIV prevention and televised condom ads, AIDS activists said Monday the nation has slacked off vital efforts to keep Americans — especially young people — from catching the AIDS virus.

Saving lives isn't the only issue. At least 40,000 Americans every year catch the deadly virus, half of whom the government estimates are under age 25. They add \$6.2 billion in lifetime treatment costs to the nation's health care bill, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Monday.

The CDC hasn't won a budget increase to fight new infections in three years, and research suggests some people most at risk of HIV have become complacent, activists said. Two-thirds of gay men say they've

had unsafe sex at least once in the last 18 months, concluded one study presented at last month's World AIDS Conference.

"AIDS drugs cost \$40 a day" and do not cure the disease, said Daniel Zingale of AIDS Action. "This condom costs 40 cents. Our plan today will not only save lives, it would save dollars."

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needle exchanges operate with local or private funding, but communities say they need federal tax dollars to reach more addicts. But Clinton sidestepped a political fight by refusing in April to provide such federal aid.

AIDS Action brought together public health officials and AIDS workers Monday to call for new HIV prevention programs that could act as a "virtual AIDS vaccine." The main demand was a 25 percent increase in the CDC's \$634 million budget for AIDS education and prevention.

Congress has added millions to government programs that pay for drugs for AIDS patients, but increasing AIDS education and prevention money significantly is considered a tougher fight. AIDS activists particularly worry that a new conservative campaign against homosexuality will hurt efforts.

THE SUN

Baltimore, Maryland

July 21, 1998

AIDS prevention efforts have waned, activists say

Public health officials call for programs to act as 'virtual AIDS vaccine'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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addicts. But Clinton sidestepped a political fight by refusing in April to provide such federal aid.

"To have the United States government play politics with people's lives — it's just not OK anymore," said Kenneth Vail, who runs a needle exchange program in Cleveland and was among those arrested. "I see on a daily basis people being turned away, and they go out and use dirty needles and contract the virus."

AIDS Action brought together public health officials and AIDS workers yesterday to call for programs that could act as a "virtual AIDS vaccine," including:

- A 25 percent increase in the CDC's \$634 million budget for AIDS education and other HIV prevention programs.

- TV networks that air programs rated "S" for sexual content to also allow condom ads to air

during those programs.

- Doctors, clinics and hospitals to begin using a new 10-minute HIV test immediately. An older test takes about a week to get results, and thousands of Americans who get tested each year never return to learn if they're infected.

- AIDS education to reach more teen-agers by creating an AIDS prevention Web site that links to popular teen Internet sites.

- CDC to launch a new campaign to persuade more people at risk to get tested.

The Washington Times

WASHINGTON, D.C., TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998 ***

AIDS coalition urges voluntary HIV testing

By Ruth Larson
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A coalition of AIDS groups reversed their long-standing opposition to AIDS testing yesterday and urged Americans to undergo voluntary testing in order to prevent further spread of the deadly virus among a new generation.

More than 30 AIDS groups called for "anonymous, confidential and private" HIV testing and lifting the federal ban on funding needle-exchange programs as part of a new "10-point plan to reinvigorate our national commitment to HIV prevention."

They also endorsed sophisticated marketing techniques to sell the prevention message and education programs in order to stem the spread of the disease, including teaching abstinence and putting the AIDS hot line on the Internet.

"If there were a medical vaccine for AIDS, imagine the forces mobilized to deploy it," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, a group that represents 2,400 AIDS organizations.

"The irony is that today we have a virtual vaccine — prevention and education — and those forces are paralyzed," he said at a news conference yesterday.

Young people will be the primary focus of the new education campaign. A recent study found that, while they represent half of all new HIV infections, only 10 percent thought they were at risk.

"Just say no' doesn't work," Mr. Zingale said, referring to Nancy Reagan's anti-drug slogan in the 1980s. "People need to know what they can do, not only what they can't."

"Individual responsibility means that those who are HIV-positive or at risk for HIV have a responsibility to protect [their] own health and the health of others," he said.

The new emphasis on prevention and testing marks a reversal for many of the groups, which for years opposed AIDS testing and focused on the need for a cure.

Ronald S. Johnson of the Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York said that, when antibody tests for HIV first became available in 1985, many AIDS organizations advised their clients against taking the test for fear that the results would be misused.

"Today, in 1998, there has never been a better time to get tested for HIV," he said. "The HIV testing gap is the engine that drives this epidemic."

New safeguards now protect the rights of individuals with HIV or AIDS. For example, the Supreme Court recently rejected a challenge to the Americans with Disabilities Act involving a dentist's refusal to treat an HIV-infected patient.

"Fear of discrimination should no longer be a reason to reject or delay HIV testing," Mr. Johnson said. Nevertheless, the groups continue to oppose mandatory testing, or the registering of clients' names, saying that anonymous testing increases the number of individuals who will get tested.

But testing must be followed by health care, he said. "HIV testing without an assurance of treatment is a cruel joke for the infected and is dangerous for the health of our country."

Ironically, the coalition's policy turnabout may stem from medical breakthroughs in treating HIV and AIDS.

"New AIDS drugs have prolonged the lives of thousands and gave us hope that an HIV diagnosis was no longer a sentence to certain death," Mr. Zingale said.

"But the new AIDS drugs that gave the gift of prolonged life also gave way to a misperception of 'cure, end and over.' As a result, risky behavior increased and, consequently, so did HIV infection rates," he said.

Dr. Helene Gayle, director of HIV prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the number of new HIV infections is rising by at least 40,000 a year. At an average lifetime cost of \$154,402 per HIV patient, that equates to an extra \$6.2 billion in health care costs every year.

The latest CDC figures show that blacks represent 57 percent of HIV cases and women represent 28 percent. Just 18 percent of all HIV cases result from heterosexual contact.

Dr. Gayle said data on the number of young people infected are "very alarming." Youths aged 13 to 24 represent 14 percent of new HIV infections, those aged 25 to 29 represent 18 percent of new cases, and those aged 30 to 34 represent 23 percent of new cases, CDC figures show.

Pollster Celinda Lake said her polling showed that focusing on young people getting HIV or AIDS strikes a chord with the public. As one respondent told pollsters: "Pregnancy used to be the issue. But now I'm going to teach my daughter she could die from sex."

Secret Service agents yesterday arrested 10 AIDS activists who chained themselves to desks in the White House AIDS adviser's office to protest the administration's refusal to fund needle-exchange programs.

Coalition members responded by urging the removal of Mr. Clinton's drug policy chief, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who has lead the fight against such programs.

A new study, to be released today, finds that the AIDS virus can lurk undetected in the body's immune cells. The reservoir of latently infected immune cells may be established as quickly as 10 days after the initial infection.

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

THE PEOPLE PAPER

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998

AIDS group: False hopes add danger

by Paul Kane

States News Service

WASHINGTON — A coalition of AIDS advocacy groups is warning that recent publicity of some advances in finding a cure for the dreaded disease may actually be helping to spread it.

They issued the warning as they kicked off an initiative yesterday that stresses voluntary testing and prevention efforts to halt the spread of the HIV virus, particularly among African-Americans.

The advocates said recent research efforts have only helped in stopping the spread of AIDS in people who have already contracted the disease.

They added that the AIDS "cocktails," introduced to patients in 1996, have left a false impression that a cure is at hand.

"In 1996, we got hope. In 1997, we got complacent.

"In 1998, we get reality," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, a Washington-based group that organized the summit.

Despite increased awareness of the disease, there has been a recent rise in the number of people newly infected with HIV, at about 40,000 a year. Zingale attributed it to a new level of "risky behavior" by homosexuals and intravenous drug users.

The bulk of the growth in HIV infections comes from the African-American community, where church leaders and activists have had a difficult time talking about what is often called a gay disease.

In Philadelphia, more than 60 percent of people with full-blown AIDS are black. Nationally, 57 percent of all people with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, are black, up from 30 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The groups stopped short of endorsing the combative tactics of more radical advocacy groups whose members have been arrested staging sit-ins in the office of President Clinton's AIDS policy coordinator.

They were challenging Clinton's decision not to provide funding for federal needle exchange programs. ■



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998

Groups seek more funding for HIV prevention efforts

By Steve Sternberg
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Alarmed at the spread of AIDS nationwide, AIDS advocates on Monday demanded millions for HIV prevention and decried the nation's "paralyzed" prevention efforts.

Officials estimate that as many as 900,000 people now carry HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in the USA. Roughly 40,000 people get the lethal virus each year, half of them younger than 25. New cases add \$6.2 billion in lifetime treatment costs to the nation's AIDS-care bill each year.

Washington-based AIDS Action released a 10-point plan designed to kick-start prevention efforts. It called for a 25% increase in funding for federal prevention programs. During the last two years, funding for prevention has hovered at just above \$600 million.

"Imagine if we had a medical vac-

cine for HIV/AIDS, and the forces that would be deployed to get it out there," said the group's director, Daniel Zingale. "The closest thing we have today is a virtual vaccine — prevention and education — but those efforts are paralyzed.

"We're in our second year of flat funding, in contrast to appropriate increases for AIDS research, care and housing."

"Until we have a vaccine, until we have a cure, our first line of defense is prevention," said Sandra Thurman, director of the White House Office of National AIDS policy.

Secret Service agents arrested 10 demonstrators who laid siege to Thurman's Washington office Monday. Several chained themselves to furniture to protest the administration's decision in April not to fund needle-exchange programs.

The AIDS Action plan, called "Virtual Vaccine," also calls for:



By Gregory Smith, AP

Thurman: The 'first line of defense (against AIDS) is prevention.'

► Condom ads on all major network programs rated "S" for sexual content.

► Federal funding of programs allowing drug abusers to exchange dirty needles for clean ones.

► Drug treatment on request to prevent further spread among illicit needle-sharers.

► Widespread HIV testing.

San Francisco Chronicle

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998

Activists Say U.S. AIDS Fight Is Losing Steam

They urge more funds to save youths

Associated Press

Washington

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Congress has added millions to government programs that pay for drugs for AIDS patients, but increasing AIDS education and prevention money significantly is considered a tougher fight.

An estimated 26 percent of HIV-infected young people caught the virus through heterosexual intercourse, said Dr. Helene Gayle, CDC's AIDS chief. "If people in leadership positions care about the future of this nation, you've got to care about HIV prevention," she said.

Activists also called for:

- TV networks that air programs rated "S" for sexual content to also allow condom ads to air during those programs.

- Doctors, clinics and hospitals to begin using a new 10-minute HIV test immediately. An older test takes about a week to get results, and thousands of Americans who get tested each year never return to learn if they're infected. People who don't know they are infected can unknowingly spread HIV to others.

- AIDS education to reach more teenagers by creating an AIDS prevention Web site that links to popular teen Internet sites.

- CDC to launch a new campaign to persuade more people at risk to get tested. An estimated 50,000 people in New York State have HIV and don't know it, according to a computer model by workers at the Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Los Angeles Times

AIDS Activists Urge Funds for Prevention Programs

Tuesday
July 21
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From Associated Press

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August 10, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Coordinator
White House Office for National HIV/AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20305
FAX: 202-456-2438

BY FAX AND MAIL

Dear Ms. Thurman:

On Monday July 20th, members of the National Coalition to Save Lives Now made several demands of the Office of National HIV/AIDS Policy (ONAP), which you indicated you could not meet. As you can well imagine, our three major demands, your public response to them, and our subsequent seizure of your office, have sparked a great deal of discussion among advocates and needle exchangers. The discussion has focused on what ONAP can and should do in light of the unexpectedly shocking and deadly April 20th decision by the Administration, not to fund needle exchange.

We hope you understand that we were protesting National HIV/AIDS Policy, rather than your performance specifically. Further, we believe that there are many steps which your office can take, other than voicing opposition to the current policy, which would result in the increased availability of syringes to those at risk and ultimately, to the prevention of HIV.

We recommend that ONAP:

- A. Actively promote the available science on needle exchange programs, particularly with local and state health officials, and local and state elected officials.
- B. Actively encourage the private sector to provide funding for needle exchange programs. ONDCP Director McCaffrey raised over \$2 billion from the private sector for substance abuse prevention advertising. One percent of that amount would allow for a new syringe for every injection by every IDU in the United States.
- C. Actively promote alternative methods for expanding syringe access and disposal, by working with pharmacies, hospitals other healthcare organizations which may serve injection drug users.
- D. Aggressively advocate for the repeal or amendment of local paraphernalia and prescription laws which would eliminate the fear of arrest that prevents IDUs from carrying their own syringes, and increases the potential for IDUs to carelessly discard their syringes.
- E. Vigorously and diligently clarify misinformation about needle exchange programs, paying special attention to the misinterpretation of the Montreal and Vancouver HIV studies which continue to influence Congressional debate and confuse legislators and the public.

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- F. Engage in planned media events by visiting needle exchange programs, meeting with drug users, and highlighting the achievements of state or local health departments which support expanded needle access.

We were somewhat gratified to understand, based on your statements at the meeting, that the President will veto anti-needle legislation should it pass Congress as an independent measure. As you are surely aware, Congress is poised to revoke Administration authority to end federal funding restrictions on needle exchange, and possibly severely restrict local implementation of needle exchange by banning federal funds which support programs which provide access to sterile syringes. In light of this situation, we recommend that ONAP:

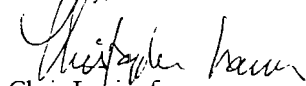
- A. Advocate aggressively, with the Appropriations committees of both houses of Congress, to preserve administration authority over the funding of needle exchange programs.
- B. Insist that the Office for National Drug Control Policy assist in any effort to preserve the administration's authority by advocating with members of the appropriations committees and other Congresspersons as necessary—given the director's apparent support for the Health and Human Services Secretary's current position, and his apparent influence with several conservative members of congress.
- C. Investigate the reasons for the loss of sixteen Democratic votes. These sixteen Democrats voted against the Hastert/Wicker Amendment (before April 20th), then reversed their stand on needle exchange after the Administration's decision not to fund the programs—voting for the Solomon Bill (HR 3717). This resolution will actually have a *worse* effect than the Hastert/Wicker Amendment, which these same Democrats opposed. If such a shift of votes was the result of the Administration's ambiguous message on needle exchange, it would seem incumbent on your office to work with these Congresspersons and address their concerns about such programs.

The Democratic congresspersons who reversed their vote on needle exchange are as follows: Andrews (NJ), Baldacci (ME), Berry (AR), Blagojevich (IL), Boucher (VA), Ford (IN), Frost (TX), Kaptur (OH), Kind (WI), Lampson (TX), Pickett (VA), Pallone (NJ), Pomeroy (ND), Rahall (WV), Sanchez (CA), Tauscher (CA).

We are confident that you have at least considered many of the measures suggested above, and we are eager to learn of, and support, your plans to address them. We therefore invite you to join us on a National Coalition Steering Committee conference call. Our Steering Committee consists of 58 individuals who represent needle exchange providers, AIDS advocates, and public health professionals. We encourage you to participate in this informal, non-threatening question and answer session regarding the issues raised in this letter. If you feel that you are amenable to such a dialogue, we would be able to arrange such a call within two weeks of a positive response.

We look forward to your feedback, as well as any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Chris Lapier for
the National Coalition to Save Lives Now!

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Georgia Commission on Women

Dear Commissioner Thurman,

On Thursday, September 3rd, we will be honoring State Representative Grace W. Davis with a luncheon at 191 Club. We would like very much for you to honor her, and us, by being our guest.

We would also like for you to say a few words of testimony to her faithfulness and hard work as a legislator. We will be presenting a picture of her, which will hang in the office of the Georgia Commission on Women. There will also be several legislators invited.

Representative Davis is much appreciated by the Georgia Commission on Women for her work and influence in passing the legislation which created the Commission. We hope that this event will let her know of that appreciation.

Julianna McConnell, and the Ga EMC's, will co-host with the Commission. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 3rd at 191 Club, at 191 Peachtree Street in Atlanta. We hope that you will be there. Please RSVP!

Sincerely,

Nellie D. Duke, Chair
Georgia Commission on Women

August 24, 1998

Tel: 770-832-7095

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The Georgia Commission on Women, in collaboration with its Participating Partners, will host the Fourth Georgia Summit for Women and Girls on Saturday, October 3, 1998 at Mercer University in Macon.

Registration fee, which includes lunch, is just \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Scholarships are available where needed.

The Georgia Commission on Women was created in 1992 by Act of the Georgia Legislature. Fifteen commissioners, appointed by Governor Zell Miller, Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard and House Speaker Tom Murphy, are serving four year terms.

The Mission of the Commission is to advance the health, educational, economic, social and legal status of women in Georgia. They do this by conducting studies and research, disseminating information, analyzing laws and their impact on women; consulting with and informing government officials; cooperating with the U.S. and other states on programs relating to women; promoting women's organizations on state and local levels; accepting public and private grants; holding public hearings, forums and conferences; and providing recognition of the accomplishments of Georgia women.

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—PROGRAM—

8:30 - 9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast
At Student Center

9:00 Plenary Session I
Introductions & Speakers

10:00-11:30 Breakout Sessions
(Any session is open to all; but some are designed for young women)

For Young Women:

1. Being the Best You; The Art of Self Esteem
2. Handling Your Own Money; Staying Out of Debt
3. When No Means No! Acquaintance Rape, Sexual Assault

General:

4. Women's Physical & Emotional Health
5. Laws of Georgia; Their Impact on Women
6. Investing Wisely: For Now, For Later (Retirement Plans)
7. Women on the Web; How to Benefit from Internet

11:45-12:45 Lunch and Collegiate Roundtable
(Students will gather for a Collegiate Roundtable during the lunch period where they will network and discuss issues of importance to them)

1:00 p.m. Plenary Session II
Speakers, Recognition of Guests

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Breakout Sessions For Young Women:
8. Your Health Is Your Business
9. Being the Best You; The Art of Self Esteem

General:

10. Violence Against Women; Elder Abuse, Sexual Assault
11. Gender Bias; Health, Education, Employment;
The Case for Affirmative Action
12. Women's Physical & Emotional Health

Exhibits and Materials

Will Be Available in Lobby of Student Center All Day

To register for the October 3, 1998 Georgia Summit for Women and Girls, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, fill out the form below, and mail with registration fee, (\$10 adults, \$5 students) to: Georgia Commission on Women, 148 International Blvd, NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1751.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

Morning Breakout (Check 1st choice)

1. ☐ Being the Best You
2. ☐ Handling Your Money
3. ☐ When No Means No!
4. ☐ Women's Health
5. ☐ Laws of Georgia
6. ☐ Investing Wisely
7. ☐ Women on the Web

Afternoon Breakout (Check 1st choice)

8. ☐ Young Women's Health
9. ☐ Being the Best You
10. ☐ Violence Against Women
11. ☐ Gender Bias
12. ☐ Women's Health

(Detach this form & mail with appropriate fee(s) to:)

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Georgia Summit for Women & Girls

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Others to be Announced

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October 3, 1998
Mercer University
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RENAISSANCE INSTITUTE®

September 25, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
1595 Johnson Road
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For 18 years . . .

Renaissance Weekends have brought together innovative leaders from diverse fields for discussion, recreation and renewal, and we hope that you and your family will be able to join us for one of our 1999 Weekends. To introduce you to these gatherings, the Renaissance Institute would be pleased to waive the Registration Fees for you and your immediate family. (Thus your expenses would include your meals, lodging, transportation and Camp RenaissanceSM, if applicable, but no Registration Fees while you are in your current position.)

What IS a Renaissance Weekend®?

Four days filled with lively conversations which transcend political, ideological, economic and religious differences. A relaxed occasion to renew old friendships and to meet stimulating leaders from many disciplines. Civility prevails. Partisanship is frowned upon, and commercialism is banned.

What is the purpose of Renaissance Weekends?

The same since 1981, when my husband and I founded them in our hometown, Hilton Head Island: family retreats with the objective of personal and national renewal. They seek to mix professions, generations, philosophies and backgrounds. They demonstrate that, whatever our credentials, we all have a great deal to learn from each other.

Are they political?

Renaissance Weekends address a breadth of subjects far beyond government, and relatively few Renaissance "regulars" are actively engaged in politics. Most of our time together is spent talking about other things: new technologies, values, the arts, business. We play tennis and golf . . . and compare notes with family and friends while on bikes, on the beach or in the mountains.

Who comes?

Scientists and CEOs. Nobel laureates and work-at-home parents. Ambassadors and artists. Admirals, astronauts and Olympic athletes. Judges and journalists. Presidents, professors and priests. Republicans, Democrats and lots of Independents. People who disagree with each other, yet avoid being disagreeable.

Can you join us?

Do let us know soon, for Renaissance Weekends fill up fast. And we want you to be with us!

Sincerely,



Linda LeSourd Lader
President

RENAISSANCE WEEKEND®

1999 LODGING FORM

PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND

Eldorado Hotel

309 West San Francisco
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(800) 955-4455; (505) 988-4455
Fax: (505) 995-4543

SPRING WEEKEND

Kiawah Island Resort

12 Kiawah Beach Drive
Kiawah Island, SC 29455
(800) 654-2924; (843) 768-2121
Fax: (843) 768-6099

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Beaver Creek Hyatt Regency

Post Office Box 1595
Avon, CO 81620
(970) 949-1234
Fax: (970) 949-4164

**PLEASE CIRCLE PREFERRED RESORT AND MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM—BOTH SIDES—TO THE RESORT.
(ATTENTION: RENAISSANCE WEEKEND GROUP SALES)**

RESERVATIONS: Rooms and villas are being held for Renaissance participants until one month prior to the Weekend, after which time reservations may be made only as space is available. The resorts will confirm all reservations directly with guests. Those not admitted to their first-choice Weekend will have their lodging deposit refunded and will need to make new lodging reservations for their second-choice Weekend.

RATES: The rates listed on the reverse side have been obtained especially for Renaissance Weekend. Specific locations cannot be guaranteed since rooms and villas are assigned at check-in, according to availability. All rates are subject to sales tax.

CANCELLATION: Lodging deposits will be refunded only if the resorts are notified by the dates below; the resorts give no refunds for cancellations or changes after dates indicated. Note that cancellation at any time at the Beaver Creek Hyatt Regency results in loss of all monies on deposit. *(Please also notify Renaissance Weekend of any change in lodging plans by E-mail at renwkd@aol.com or by fax at (202) 429-1959.)*

Eldorado Hotel: 72 hours in advance of arrival

Kiawah Island Resort: 30 days in advance of arrival

Beaver Creek Hyatt: loss of deposit if cancelled at any time

DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE: Deposits must accompany this Form. All resorts require a deposit equal to a one-night stay.

Name (please print) _____ Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Fax _____

Arrival Date _____ Time _____ (A.M./P.M.) Departure Date _____ Time _____ (A.M./P.M.)

☐ A check or money order is enclosed in the amount of the required deposit

-OR-

☐ Please charge the deposit amount to the credit card indicated below:

AMERICAN EXPRESS

VISA

MASTERCARD

DINERS CLUB

DISCOVER

Credit Card Number: _____ Expires: _____ Signature: _____

Please keep a copy of this Lodging Form and send the *green* Registration Form directly to Renaissance Weekend.

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RENAISSANCE WEEKEND®

1999 LODGING FORM (CONTINUED)

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES (Nightly Basis)
Circle your preferred choice and indicate number of rooms/beds needed.

◆ PRESIDENTS' DAY — ELDORADO HOTEL

Rooms (daily maid service)	Rates	Number (Indicate)
Room Configurations:		
1 King or 2 Double beds (circle preference)		
Single/Double	\$165	_____
Double/King Deluxe (Butler Service)	\$235	_____
Each additional person 17 & over	\$ 20	_____
Suites (daily maid service; limited availability)		
Junior	\$280	_____
Junior (with fireplace)	\$320	_____
1-BR	\$350	_____
Condominiums (daily maid service)		
1-BR Zona Rosa	\$225	_____
2-BR Zona Rosa	\$285	_____
3-BR Zona Rosa	\$345	_____
1-BR Las Palomas	\$145	_____

◆ SPRING — KIAWAH ISLAND RESORT

Villas (daily maid service)	Rates	Number (Indicate)
1-BR Scenic	\$165	_____
1-BR Oceanside	\$220	_____
1-BR Oceanview	\$269	_____
2-BR Scenic	\$199	_____
2-BR Oceanside	\$275	_____
2-BR Oceanview	\$330	_____
3-BR Scenic	\$225	_____
3-BR Oceanview	\$389	_____

A 6% resort amenities charge is added to the above rates;
see Fact Book for details.

◆ LABOR DAY — HYATT REGENCY

Rooms (daily maid service)	Rates	Number (Indicate)
Room Configurations:		
1 King or 2 Double beds (circle preference)		
Single/Double/Triple/Quad.....	\$175	_____
Executive King.....	\$200	_____
Suites		
Conference 1-BR.....	\$337	_____
Conference VIP 1-BR.....	\$437	_____
Deluxe 1-BR.....	\$525	_____
Conference 2-BR.....	\$507	_____
Conference VIP 2-BR.....	\$607	_____
Deluxe 2-BR.....	\$700	_____

RENAISSANCE WEEKEND®

1999 REGISTRATION FORM

Return this form to **Renaissance Weekend, Post Office Box 19900, Washington, DC 20036-9900.**

Please type or print legibly, indicate spouse or guest and list nicknames as they should appear on name tags.

First / Last Names _____ Name Tag _____

Spouse ☐ Guest ☐ _____ Name Tag _____

☐ plan(s) to attend. (Numerically indicate choices of Weekends in order of preference.)

☐ **Presidents' Day**
2/11/99–2/15/99

☐ **Spring**
3/17/99–3/21/99

☐ **Labor Day**
9/2/99–9/6/99

☐ cannot attend this year, but would like to be invited in future years. (Please indicate address corrections below.)

☐ regret(s) not being able to participate and do (does) not anticipate being able to attend in the future.

Child's Name	Age	Date of Birth	College (if enrolled) / Other Information
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Children ages 2–12 are automatically registered for the Children's Program, "Camp RenaissanceSM," unless parents indicate otherwise.

REGISTRATION AND OTHER CHARGES

For registration purposes, please project ages at time of Weekend.

Registration Fees	_____ # adults	@ \$400 +	_____ # children/youth (ages 2–22)	@ \$125 =	_____
Common Meals	_____ # adults/youth	@ \$350 +	_____ # children (ages 2–12)	@ \$150 =	_____
Service Charge	_____ # adults/youth	@ \$ 75 +	_____ # children (ages 2–12)	@ \$ 30 =	_____
Camp Renaissance			_____ # children (ages 2–12)	@ \$100 =	_____

TOTAL CHARGES = \$ _____

(or) **LABOR DAY DEPOSIT (Registration Fees only, with balance due 5/1/99)** = \$ _____

LODGING AND ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TIMES

*Please mark box below; send the peach **Lodging Form** directly to the resort.*

All lodging arrangements and changes must be made with the resort. Renaissance Weekend does not make lodging reservations.

Presidents' Day	☐ Eldorado Hotel	☐ Other _____
Spring	☐ Kiawah Island Villas	☐ Other _____
Labor Day	☐ Hyatt Regency Beaver Creek	☐ Other _____

We plan to arrive on _____, 199____, at _____ (A.M./P.M.), and depart on _____, 199____, at _____ (A.M./P.M.).

ADDRESSES AND CONTACT NUMBERS

It is important that we can reach you.

Please type or print legibly and fill in all columns completely, with zip code, phone, fax and E-mail.

Home	Work	Spouse/Guest Work
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
() (Phone)	() (Phone)	() (Phone)
() (Fax)	() (Fax)	() (Fax)
() (E-mail)	() (E-mail)	() (E-mail)

(Kindly complete BOTH SIDES and return this **Registration Form** to Renaissance Weekend; send the peach **Lodging Form** to the resort.)

The information below will be used in determining programs and assignments for the Weekend, and some of what you provide may be made available to other guests. Attach separate sheet if more space is required.

Name _____
Title _____
Company/Organization _____
Work focuses on _____

Name _____
Title _____
Company/Organization _____
Work focuses on _____

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Suggestions for other **panel topics**: _____

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September 3, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandra:

By way of brief reintroduction, you and I met at the CDC/DASH Conference immediately following your presentation three weeks ago. We are the publishers of *Straight Talk* magazine, and I think you'll remember that I gave you a blue folder containing a complete set of the *Straight Talk* program.

I am writing now to let you know that we are going back to press with HIV/AIDS issue once again at the end of this month. That will be the eighth in a series of press runs that have been held roughly every six months since February 1995, when we began the practice of inviting state and local agencies to join the press run directly as "stakeholders". You'll be interested to know that as of last week, the NASTAD stakeholder coalition volume passed 100,000 copies, driving their unit costs down to \$0.75 a copy. I'm enclosing a copy of the Special Bulletin that for the next press run went out to all NASTAD members, FYI. Aggregate NASTAD-member demand alone has passed 1.2 million copies over the past three years.

I am sharing this with you primarily to keep your office apprised of the expanding use of the HIV/AIDS issue in prevention efforts targeting at risk youth across the country. I want to reiterate my offer to work with your office in any way that you consider helpful and appropriate to broaden the dissemination of this resource to reach more kids at risk. If there are any special projects your office is undertaking (or sponsoring) where you think the HIV/AIDS issue of *Straight Talk* would be a useful resource, do get back in touch.

The next time I am headed down to Washington, I'll make contact with your office to see if it would be convenient to arrange a brief visit so that we, here, can have an up-to-date understanding of your policy initiatives regarding prevention and assure that we are "on the same page" as we continue to service NASTAD members and other agencies nationwide.

Thanks for your interest in our work.

Cordially,
John H. Fisher (JHF)
John H. Fisher
President

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SPECIAL BULLETIN

September 1, 1998

TO: NASTAD Members
FROM: John Fisher, Publisher 
RE: Member Demand for the HIV/AIDS/STDs Issue of *Straight Talk*
Magazine Soars, Lowering Unit Cost to Last Year's Levels

I am pleased to report that aggregate volume for NASTAD members planning to join the next press run for *Straight Talk: HIV/AIDS and Other STDs* (4th Edition) has once again passed 100,000 copies...and appears to be headed considerably higher. This means that the price per copy for all participating NASTAD stakeholders has already dropped to \$0.75, the same low level of the first two press runs in 1997. And it may well drop another price point before press time.

The upcoming press run for the HIV/AIDS/STDs issue, scheduled for the end of this month, will be the eighth since we initiated the stakeholder-on-press program, spanning both the 3rd and 4th editions. To date, some 31 NASTAD members have participated, purchasing over 1.2 million copies for use in their prevention efforts targeting adolescents. The stakeholder-on-press program was introduced by The Learning Partnership back in 1994-5 to respond to the needs of the CDC's AIDS Prevention Marketing Initiative and make large-scale use of the HIV/AIDS issue far more affordable.

Several September stakeholders report that they had planned to join the press run last March, but had to defer due to CDC funding cutbacks. Now that they have a handle on their carry-forward monies or have heard from the CDC's PGO that they will receive supplemental funds to address unmet needs related to youth initiatives, they are stepping forward to secure inventory for their fall and winter programs...and for World AIDS Day activities.

We're also hearing from members that have not participated to date, but are learning more and more about the positive experiences their stakeholder colleagues have had using the HIV/AIDS issue.

If you've been considering replenishing your inventory or are thinking about ordering for the first time to test this prevention resource in your state, we invite you to call to discuss your needs. At \$0.75 per copy (plus shipping and handling charges), this is an opportune time to participate in a press run and provide your contractors with a fresh and highly-appealing educational resource to support their prevention efforts addressing teenagers in your state.

Call us at 800-551-7672 or FAX in your Expression-of-Interest Form and we'll call you. We'd be happy to answer your questions and share with you some of the most successful and creative ways in which other states are using *Straight Talk*.

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**This is your official invitation
to join with other NASTAD members
as a stakeholder in the 4th press run
for the new 4th edition of
Straight Talk: HIV/AIDS & Other STDs
—scheduled for late September, 1998 —
at a substantial savings in cost**



**To date, 31 NASTAD members and their in-state linked agencies
have ordered over 1,000,000 copies directly from the press
for their HIV prevention efforts serving adolescents locally.**

August, 1998

TO: NASTAD Members

FROM: John Fisher, Publisher

When we surveyed you and your fellow NASTAD members last spring about the desirability of scheduling yet another press run for the new 4th edition of *Straight Talk: HIV/AIDS and Other STDs*, the response was clear: "Please go back to press." Most asked for a September/October press date, tied to prevailing funding cycles.

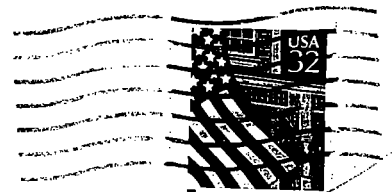
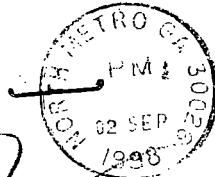
The result: you are invited to participate in the NASTAD stakeholder coalition when we go to press again at the end of September.

- If you have been a stakeholder before, you'll want to consider replenishing your inventory or moving up from the 3rd edition to the revised and updated 4th edition.
- If you have not yet used the HIV/AIDS issue in your prevention efforts targeting at-risk youth, here's your opportunity to put this widely-acclaimed prevention resource to the test. When you do, we think you'll discover just why 19 NASTAD members have already participated in two, three, four or even five different press runs to meet their own program needs.

When you participate, you will be part of a nationwide NASTAD purchasing coalition. Under our agreement with NASTAD, your order will be aggregated with those of your counterparts in other states, driving down your unit costs as the coalition's order volume rises. While it is too early to project the coalition's price at press time, the unit price for NASTAD members typically

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Sandy Thurman
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Liane Levetan
Chief Executive Officer

September 2, 1998

To: Georgia Women's Forum Members
From: Liane Levetan *[Signature]*

We will be honored to have Fran Streets, President of the International Women's Forum, and Barbara Barrett, Executive Vice President, President Elect of the International Women's Forum, at our September 15, 1998 meeting at the IBM headquarters .

By now you have received your formal meeting notice, and I look forward to your presence on September 15.

As a Board member of the IWF Leadership Foundation, I have worked with Fran and Barbara. I know you will enjoy meeting them. Their visit will further enhance a stronger network of relationships for our Georgia network.

1300 Commerce Drive / Decatur, Georgia 30030 / 404-371-2881 / Fax 404-371-7004

AIDS VACCINE ADVOCACY COALITION

September 1, 1998

Sandy
Dear Colleague:

Full
Commitment

It is clear to many of us: a preventive HIV vaccine is needed to protect people from HIV and AIDS. In May 1997, in a speech calling for a greater HIV vaccine effort, President Clinton pledged to "do all I can to make it happen." Yet in our recent report "9 Years and Counting: Will We Have An HIV Vaccine By 2007?," the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC) clearly demonstrated that **the world still lacks the all-out effort that is required to develop an HIV vaccine promptly and effectively.**

We write to you because AVAC needs your help to maintain and build a stronger public citizen voice in support of HIV vaccine research and development. As you know, one of the most effective ways to push our government to greater action is the involvement of ordinary citizens.

Since 1995, the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC) has existed as a coalition of citizen advocates working together on a common goal: to identify obstacles to HIV vaccine development, and to advocate to overcome those obstacles, without taking resources away from basic HIV research, drug development, or ongoing HIV prevention efforts.

With advocates in San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and other cities, AVAC has produced several reports since 1995 analyzing HIV vaccine research efforts. AVAC advocates have also tirelessly advocated in the media and in countless public meetings for more government funding, more pharmaceutical investment, and more attention to this issue. Most AVAC advocates work out of their homes as volunteers, writing reports, analyzing vaccine funding, and advocating to speed development of HIV vaccines on a part-time basis.

AVAC is a small network of individuals, but as an independent advocate group, we've had a unique impact: our reports have been written about in the Wall Street Journal, Science, and Nature; our advocacy is heard at the highest levels of government. In all of our work, we strive for an informed, honest, and independent assessment of the international effort toward a vaccine that could end the AIDS epidemic.

AIDS VACCINE ADVOCACY COALITION

AVAC now needs your support to build our coalition of citizen advocates and to help fund the work that we do. Direct support from a broad base of individuals helps to keep our advocacy independent and strong. AVAC takes no money from government or industry, so your contribution makes a difference to what we can accomplish.

Your donation, mailed in today, will help us write more reports like our recent "9 Years and Counting" report, mailed for free in May to more than 1,000 key people like yourself. Individual contributions like yours will help us to attend and present at AIDS policy meetings to build stronger advocacy for preventive HIV vaccines. Your contribution to AVAC also helps to demonstrate broad citizen support for development of preventive HIV vaccines.

Contributions to AVAC are tax-deductible. If you are able to, please mail a check to AVAC today in the enclosed envelope to our new address: 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW #700, Washington, DC 20009.

Thank you for any donation that you can make to AVAC today.

Sincerely,



Sam Avrett, Director
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)

p.s. As AVAC's new Executive Director, I would be glad to hear from you about your ideas for advocacy on HIV vaccine research and development. Please feel free to e-mail me at savrett@aol.com, or to call me at 202-387-5517. Thanks!

TECHNOLOGY & HEALTH

Clinton Is Failing to Fulfill a Pledge On AIDS Vaccine, Activist Group Says

By MICHAEL WALDHOLZ

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

An AIDS activist coalition said the Clinton administration is failing to live up to its pledge made last year to aggressively spur the development of a vaccine against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

In a report out today, the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition said the administration's initiative to mobilize and coordinate vaccine efforts by creating a new AIDS Research Center "will flounder" if a director isn't named soon. Moreover, the group said government isn't doing much to boost the limited efforts by the pharmaceutical industry to find a vaccine.

The report comes one year after President Clinton made a speech committing his administration to do all it could to make a vaccine available in 10 years. The coalition, formed in late 1995 to lobby the government, academia and industry to focus on vaccine research and development, said that a year after the president's speech little has been done to get the new research center running or to push for greater industry action.

"Unless Clinton is able to elicit real commitments from industry and other countries' governments, and the U.S. research effort is further reinforced and streamlined, the pace of research and development will continue at a snail's pace," said Sam A. Reilly, AVAC's newly appointed executive director.

A spokesman for the government said a building for the vaccine center is expected to be built soon at the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Md., and the government is in the process of seeking a director. The government is also expected to soon fill the vacant post of director of its Office of AIDS Research, which coordinates all AIDS programs at the NIH.

AIDS vaccine researchers said that despite the center's lack of director, much is going on in basic research these days. "I think the frustration is understandable,"

said John Moore, an HIV researcher at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, New York. Dr. Moore said he believed a federal research center would significantly help coordinate the federal government's own research operations. But he said, "researchers in numerous [academic] institutions and several companies are pressing ahead very actively to try to understand the very difficult science" needed to make a truly effective vaccine.

Dr. Moore, one of the foremost experts in the field, added: "The scientific challenges facing us are not trivial. [But] I do believe it's possible to have a vaccine in 10 years."

In particular, scientists largely are in agreement these days that in order for a vaccine to work it must trigger an immune system that generates white blood cells, called killer T-cells, that can seek out and destroy blood cells infected with HIV. Most experimental vaccines produced over the years don't produce such a response.

Dr. Moore said a government advisory committee headed by David Baltimore, the president of California Polytechnic Institute, has done a good job over the past year in "bringing scientists together, sharing ideas, and coordinating different research efforts," he said. "That's beginning to make a difference."

Still, the AVAC report shows that only two major corporations, Merck & Co. and Pasteur Merieux Connaught, a French-American unit of Rhone Poulenc SA of France; and Chiron Corp. a biotechnology concern, are putting large resources into creating an AIDS vaccine. The report, however, criticizes SmithKline Beecham PLC, a major vaccine company, for not conducting any AIDS-vaccine research.

SmithKline wasn't available for comment.

AVAC is based in San Francisco and Washington. Its report can be read at the Internet Web site of <http://www.vaccineadvocates.org>.

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*Sandy
Call me about
this.
Dave.*

September 23, 1998

**MEMORANDUM FOR SANDRA THURMAN, DIRECTOR AND
TODD SUMMERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

FROM: Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director 

RE: Letter to the President Addressing FY 99 Continuing
Resolution or Omnibus Appropriations Agreement

Attached is a letter to the President from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS dated September 23, 1998. The letter addresses the Council's concern over the FY 99 Continuing Resolution or Omnibus Appropriations Agreement.

Please transmit this letter to the President.

Thank You.

PRESIDENTIAL

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you begin negotiations with Congressional leaders on a FY 1999 Continuing Resolution or omnibus appropriations agreement, the members of your Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS urge your strong support for the highest possible funding levels for HIV prevention, care and treatment, housing, research, substance abuse treatment and international. Your continued support for these essential programs is critical to the nation's comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS. Specifically, we request your support for the following:

A \$6.8 million increase in funding for HIV prevention efforts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as recommended by the Senate. Although far below the community's request, this expansion would nonetheless be an important contribution towards your stated goal of reducing the number of new infections until there are no new infections;

A \$275 million increase in funding for substance abuse treatment services funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) block grant, as proposed by the House. Access to drug treatment services is critical to efforts to reduce the incidence of HIV among injection drug users and their partners, particularly given your Administration's decision to continue the ban on the use of federal funds for needle exchange;

An overall \$231 million increase in funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, including, at a minimum, the following increases: \$35.4 million for Title I, \$27 million for Title II base services, \$150 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), \$15 million for Title III, \$3.2 million for Title IV, and \$784,000 for the AIDS Education Training Centers. Together, the five titles of the CARE Act represent a comprehensive system of care, which is increasingly important in the new treatment environment;

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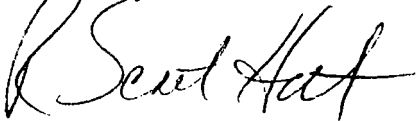
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Finally, should the Congress propose further restrictions on the use of federal funds for needle exchange, we urge you to oppose restrictive language in order to maintain maximum flexibility in the future. In particular, we urge your continued and vociferous opposition to recent efforts to usurp the District of Colombia's ability to use federal, local or private funds for needle exchange.

Each of the federal programs identified above is critical to the nation's comprehensive approach to preventing new HIV infections and caring for those living with HIV/AIDS. We urge you to prioritize increased funding for these programs during upcoming negotiations on FY 1999 appropriations.

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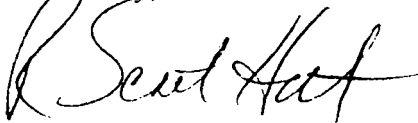
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Sandra L. Thurman, Director of White House Office of National AIDS Policy

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Memo

To: Sandra Thurman
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From: Chris Lanier
National Coalition to Save Lives Now!

Date: September 17, 1998

Re: Needle Exchange - 3 pages

Sandra;

I hope you are well.

I can imagine that it is very difficult to get anything done in the Washington these days, but I think it would be important to renew our dialogue.

I have attached a letter (which you will also receive by mail) inviting you to join a conference call with needle exchange providers and advocates. We are interested in a dialogue which is 'collegial' and productive.

Please make sure to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Chris



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September 17, 1998

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*Sarah -
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thanks*

Dear Sandy,

As you know, education is the most important aspect to HIV/AIDS prevention. We struggle everyday to educate America's youth about HIV/AIDS, and the misconceptions that are related therein. The Foundation has developed a new educational tool for youth that we are very excited about. It is an educational comic/coloring book that provides AIDS education in a non-threatening and non-judgmental manner. The book, called "Awareness Is Doing Something!" can be used by anyone, in any setting.

I have enclosed a copy of the book for your review. It is the desire of the Foundation to have these books used in school, community, and private settings. The goal is to have community organizations, school systems, and businesses purchase the books, which will cost no more than a regular brochure, and make them available to the youth at no charge. We feel that this book is a way for people to begin educating youth about HIV/AIDS, and encourage them to get involved in their own communities.

Sandy, I would deeply appreciate it if you would review this book and provide a letter of support for this fun and easy to use educational piece. If you have any questions about the book, please feel free to contact me at the Foundation. Thank you for your assistance, I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Jeanne White
Jeanne White
President

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Dear Ms Reidy,

We were delighted to meet with you to discuss the activities undertaken by the Miss Universe Organization in the field of HIV/AIDS. We are also very appreciative of the efforts made by Miss Universe herself to combat this terrible curse. However, I regret to inform you that UNAIDS will not have the capacity to carry out the partnership that you have proposed.

We wish to thank you very much for having thought of UNAIDS as a possible partner for your future activities. We are pleased that HIV/AIDS is given such a focus on your agenda and would like to encourage you to continue with this focus in the future. In this regard, you may wish to seek a partnership with some USA-based NGO working on HIV/AIDS. If so, we would suggest that you contact the National Council for International Health in Washington which could provide you with a list of NGOs working on HIV/AIDS across the USA. The contact address for NCIH is 1701 K Street, NW, Suite 600 (Tel: 202-833-5900).

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that should the present or future Miss Universe wish to speak about HIV/AIDS, we would be pleased to know about it and to assist her with her message development.

We thank you for your interest in UNAIDS.

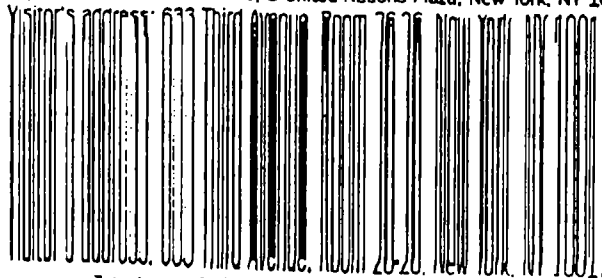
Yours sincerely,

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