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Todd Summers
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FROM:

Jeff Trandahl

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Wally Kleine

Fax

To: Jeff Trandahl	From: Wally Kleine
Fax: (202) 225 1776	Pages: 4 Inclusive
Phone: (202) 225 7000	Date: November 17, 1998
Re: F-1 Visa for Mr. Nicholas Newton	CC:
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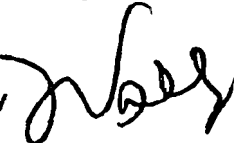
The pertinent information that you asked for is included in this fax. Nicholas Newton has applied for admission and been accepted to Texas Tech University. He has been issued the form I-20 which has been signed by the respective authority on campus. This is necessary to obtain the F-1 visa from the Embassy. From this end (Texas Tech/Lubbock) everything has been completed.

After speaking with someone at the American Embassy in London this morning and accessing more information via the INTERNET (<http://www.usembassy.org.uk>), it appears as though the processing time could be more lengthy than desired. As currently scheduled, Nicholas will arrive in London on the 13th of DEC '98. He is scheduled to return to the USA on the 19th of DEC '98. My question to you is: **"Can you help get this F-1 visa processed in an expeditious manner in London?"**

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Best,

Wally





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736 Jackson Place NW,
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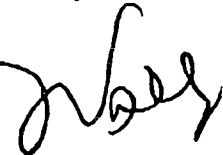
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until it's over**AIDS ACTION****FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**

TO: Tood Summers
Deputy Director
The White House National AIDS Policy Office
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
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FROM: Daniel Zingale, Executive Director

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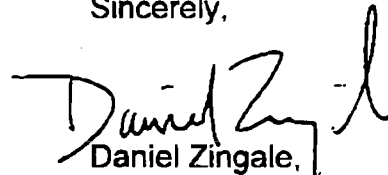
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Commissioner of Food and Drugs
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Division
5600 Fishers Lane
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Rockville, MD 20857
(301) 443-3100

Dear Dr. Henney:

I enjoyed speaking with you yesterday, and greatly appreciate you tentatively agreeing to stop by a reception for our board members and other AIDS community leaders taking place on December 4th from 5:00 – 7:00. We will be contacting you soon with the details of the reception.

Again, congratulations on your appointment, I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Daniel Zingale,
Executive Director

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Tony Hammer, Jr.*



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Todd Summers

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AIDS Policy Center
For Children, Youth & Families

MEMO

TO: Sandy Thurman, Daniel Montoya, Todd Summers

FROM: David Harvey and Clark Moore

RE: World AIDS Day

DATE: November 25, 1998

AIDS Policy Center proposes that the President address the following domestic policy issues in his remarks at the World AIDS Day event:

- The President should call upon states that have not already done so to pass **standby guardianship laws**, to help prevent more children from becoming orphans to AIDS. Standby guardianship laws enable parents with HIV to designate a guardian for their child in the event of the parent's mental incapacitation, physical debilitation, or death. Joint guardianship laws, a variation of standby guardianship laws, permit terminally ill parents to share guardianship with at least one other person. Although the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 established "the sense of Congress that the States should have in effect laws and procedures that permit any parent . . . to designate a standby guardian," many states have not enacted these laws. (To our knowledge, only twelve states have done so, and legislation has been proposed or is being drafted in eight additional states).
- The President should request additional federal funding in FY 2000 for the **Abandoned Infants Assistance Program**, which is administered by the Children's Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. This often overlooked program is a critical part of the federal response to AIDS orphans in the United States. Congress passed the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act (P.L. 100-105) in 1988 to address the "boarder baby" phenomenon, wherein infants, particularly those perinatally exposed to drugs or HIV, reside in hospitals indefinitely due to difficulties in locating appropriate living arrangements. This legislation provides funding to support demonstration programs that provide child welfare, permanency planning, and comprehensive health and social services to children and families affected by drugs and/or HIV/AIDS.

The mandate of AIA programs are to (1) prevent abandonment of AIDS orphans; (2) identify and address needs of abandoned infants, especially those with AIDS; (3) assist AIDS orphans to reside with their natural families if possible, or in foster care; (4) recruit, train and retain foster parents; (5) carry out residential care programs for abandoned children and children with AIDS;

(6) establish programs of respite care for families and foster families; (7) recruit and train health and social services personnel to work with families, foster families and residential care staff.

The AIA program currently funds 27 service sites in 18 states, and has served an estimated 35,000 children, parents and caregivers since the late 1980s. **Federal funding for the AIA program has actually been cut in recent years, from a high of \$14.4 million in FY 95 to \$12.2 million in FY 99.** In FY 1998, Congress directed that the program closely collaborate with CARE Act programs to enhance permanency planning services for children and families living with HIV/AIDS, but gave no additional funds for this purpose. Additional federal funds are needed to 1) enhance permanency planning and child welfare services for children and families living with HIV/AIDS at CARE Act sites; 2) provide for a basic program expansion at existing AIA service sites; and 3) provide for increased training and technical assistance activities to the child welfare and AIDS service systems. APC and NORA recommend a funding increase of \$9.75 million, for a total of \$22 million in FY 2000.

- The President should acknowledge the critical role played by the **Ryan White Title IV** program in addressing the impact of HIV on children and youth. Title IV provides comprehensive health services to children who are orphaned by HIV/AIDS and their families. Title IV projects are also playing a major role in reducing the number of infants who are born with HIV in the U.S. In addition, by improving the health of parents with HIV, Title IV is helping to reduce the number of new orphans in the future.

If you would like additional information on these or other topics, please contact Clark or David at (202) 785-3564.

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AIDS Policy Center
For Children, Youth & Families

MEMO

TO: Todd

FROM: Clark Moore

RE: World AIDS Day Event invitees

DATE: Nov. 25, 1998

Hi. Several items. First, on the statistics you asked about...

In December 1997, an estimated 8.2 million children ages 14 and under had been orphaned by AIDS worldwide. An estimated 70,000 of these children were living in North America. (They define orphans as HIV-negative children who lost their mother or both parents to AIDS when they were under age 15).

Source: UNAIDS, "Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic," Dec. 1997. (jointly compiled with WHO).

By 2000, as many as 125,000 children in the United States will have lost their mothers to AIDS. (Apparently, this figure includes both HIV negative and HIV positive children. Keep in mind that this estimate may now be inaccurate due to the effects of new treatments).

Source: D. Michaels and C. Levine, "Estimates of the Number of Motherless Youth Orphaned by AIDS in the United States." JAMA 268 no. 24 (1992): 3456-3461.

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Here are some additional Washington advocates that you may want to invite to the World AIDS Day Event.

AIDS Orphan Adoption Project

National Council for Adoption

1930 17th St., N.W.

Washington, DC 20009

(202) 328-1200

Contact: Karen Pope (SSN# (b)(6))

(Out of town but will be checking messages)

You may also want to invite Mary Fisher of the Family AIDS Network:

D.C. Contact: Steve Gunderson, Managing Trustee: (703) 243-8242

918 Sixteenth Street, NW
Suite 201

Washington, DC 20006

Tel. (202) 785-3564

Fax (202) 785-3579

E-mail: info@aidspolicycenter.org

The following members of Congress were sponsors of HR 709, the Standby Guardianship Act, which never passed Congress (see attached). If the President addresses the importance of Standby Guardianship laws, you might want to invite them: Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY); Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA); (Former) Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY); Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL); Rep. George Miller (D-CA); Rep. Peter Deutsch (D-FL).

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The Children Affected by AIDS Foundation is going to fax you information about their new grants. Also, David sent you something on email about this.

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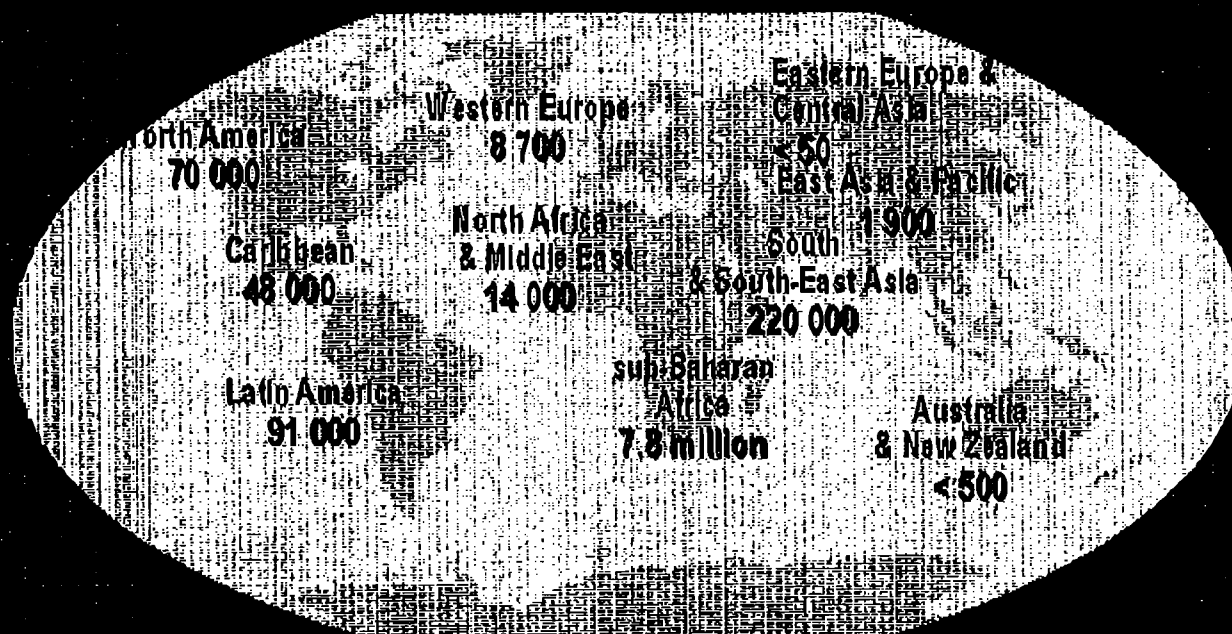
How to reach us at home this weekend:

David: (301) 585-0186

Clark: (253) 857-7373

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Cumulative number of children estimated to have been orphaned by AIDS* at age 14 or younger



Total: 8.2 million

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Surveillance

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* Orphaned as a result of HIV negative child developing lost their mother or both parents due to AIDS

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104th CONGRESS
1st Session

H. R. 709

To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to have laws that would permit a parent who is chronically ill or near death to name a standby guardian for a minor child without surrendering parental rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 26, 1995

Mrs. Maloney (for herself, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Studds, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Evans, Mr. Miller of California, and Mr. Deutsch) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to have laws that would permit a parent who is chronically ill or near death to name a standby guardian for a minor child without surrendering parental rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Standby Guardianship Act".

SEC. 2. STATES REQUIRED TO HAVE STANDBY GUARDIANSHIP LAW AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE.

(a) In General.--Part E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670-679) is amended by inserting after section 477 the following:

"SEC. 478. STANDBY GUARDIANSHIP LAWS AND PROCEDURES.

"To be eligible for payments under this part, a State must have in effect laws and procedures that permit any parent who is chronically ill or near death, without surrendering parental rights, to designate a standby guardian for the parent's minor children, whose authority would take effect upon--

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- ``(1) the death of the parent;
- ``(2) the mental incapacity of the parent; or
- ``(3) the physical debilitation and consent of the parent.''.

(b) Effective Date.--The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect at the end of the first calendar quarter that begins 60 or more months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply to payments under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act for the quarter and payments made under such part for any succeeding quarter.

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Office of HIV/AIDS Housing

Office of Community Planning and Development
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Comments:

Material sent by: David Vos, Director, HIV/AIDS Housing Office

NOTE: OUR NEW FAX TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (202) 401-8939



**Office of HIV/AIDS Housing
Office of Community Planning and Development
U. S. Department of Housing and Development
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From: David Vos, Director
Phone: (202) 708-1934 x 4620
FAX: (202) 901-8939 (*new fax number)

Date: November 3, 1998

Material sent to: Several

RE: Date for Meeting with Senior HUD Staff

You are invited to a meeting regarding HIV/AIDS housing issues with Deputy Assistant Secretary Fred Karnas, Jr., and other HUD staff scheduled for:

**Friday, November 20, 1998
10:00 - 11:30 a.m., CPD Conference Room 7202
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Headquarters Office
451 7th Street, S.W. Washington, DC**

Agenda items will include an update on items, such as HUD's 1999 budget and congressional directives on the HOPWA program (as requested, \$225 million was approved for HOPWA and administrative provisions on state eligibility, technical assistance and environmental assumption authority; Congress requested recommendations to update the HOPWA formula and to cap costs). We may also wish to discuss additional technical assistance activities and any follow-up to the Third National HIV/AIDS Housing Conference, that was held on September 17-19, 1998 in Atlanta, and the Second National Meeting of HOPWA Formula Grantees that was held on September 15-16 in connection with the Atlanta conference.

If you have a particular matter that you would like to add to the agenda, please let me know by Tuesday, November 17th. To assist in planning, please RSVP to the Office by phone at 202/708-1934, fax at 202/401-8939 (* a new fax number) or by email at: David_Vos@hud.gov. In addition, the office moved to Room 7212 at HUD Headquarters.



The Downtown United Presbyterian Church

121 North Fitzhugh Street Rochester, New York 14614 716/325-4000 FAX 716/325-6023

The Reverend Darryll H. Young, Interim Co-Pastor

November 16, 1998

Mr. Todd A. Summers
Deputy Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
Fax: 202-456-2438

Dear Mr. Summers,

This letter will confirm our arrangements with you to be our speaker at the Adult Education Forum on Sunday, November 22, from 9:45am-10:45am. We have asked that you address the topic "AIDS Now - Nationally and Internationally".

We are delighted that you are coming, as the concluding program of our series on AIDS. Please contact me at your earliest convenience about your travel arrangements.

Thanks so much for your willingness to be a part of this important educational series.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Darryll H. Young".

Rev. Darryll H. Young



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Health Care Financing Administration

Center for Medicaid and State Operations
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

NOV 25 1998

Dear State Medicaid Director:

The purpose of this letter is to urge States to implement strategies to improve coordination between the Medicaid program and the programs of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act (CARE). We strongly encourage States to make effective use of strategies to coordinate the services each program provides in order to serve individuals with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease and acquired immunodeficiency disease (AIDS) more effectively and efficiently. This letter specifically addresses the need for State Medicaid agencies to cooperate with Ryan White grantees to ensure that Medicaid pays for Medicaid-covered services for Medicaid-eligible individuals with HIV disease to conserve the limited funds appropriated for Ryan White programs. Also, we are requesting that you designate a contact person in your agency for Ryan White grantees and to coordinate Ryan White issues.

Generally, State Medicaid agencies are required to pay for covered health care needs of individuals with HIV disease when such individuals become eligible for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, or meet the SSI definition of disability and the financial requirements of the optional medically needy program. Alternatively, HIV-positive individuals may qualify for Medicaid by meeting the other categorical and financial tests for Medicaid eligibility (e.g., women, children, and the elderly) regardless of their HIV status.

In addition, State Public Health Departments are responsible for developing a comprehensive plan for HIV/AIDS services under the CARE Act. Although there are no statutory income restrictions for receiving CARE Act services, the statute mandates that CARE Act programs be the payor of last resort. However, CARE Act funds may be used to pay for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries if the State's Medicaid program does not cover a particular service benefit, or if a beneficiary's service needs are greater than the amount of services available under Medicaid.

Under 42 C.F.R. 431.615, Medicaid programs are to coordinate activities between the Medicaid agency and the State Health Department. In States in which Title II of the CARE Act, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), is administered by the Health Department, State Medicaid agencies should enter into agreements with the Health Department to ensure cooperation between programs in all appropriate areas including eligibility determinations, program data exchange, and provision of services. The model agreement sent to State Health Officers and State Medicaid Directors from the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on October 22 may be used for this purpose.

There are considerable opportunities for the Medicaid and CARE Act programs to work together to effectively coordinate the services each program provides. For example, through a collaborative effort, these programs could develop a comprehensive continuum of care for persons with HIV disease that includes outreach, primary care services, prescription drugs, laboratory services, home-and community-based health care and related support services, and inpatient services when necessary.

Coordination between the Medicaid and CARE Act programs and their providers of service can eliminate duplication of services, save the States' and the Ryan White Program's limited funds, and ultimately serve individuals with HIV disease more effectively and efficiently.

The Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 1996 recognized the significant need for coordination between the two programs by requiring that the HIV Health Services Planning Council for Ryan White Title I Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMA) have a representative from the State's Medicaid agency.

In cooperation with HRSA, we have identified several opportunities for Medicaid/Ryan White cooperation which are listed below:

- o Develop procedures under a cooperative agreement with the State Health Department consistent with Medicaid regulations at 42 C.F.R. 431.300-307 to enable Ryan White programs to identify Medicaid eligibles to ensure coordination of benefits. This may include online access to Medicaid eligibility files.
- o Develop mechanisms for reimbursing Ryan White programs for expenditures on individuals who are found to be retroactively eligible for Medicaid.
- o Provide information and training to Ryan White grantees on the requirements for Medicaid eligibility.
- o Work with Ryan White grantees to develop joint Ryan White/Medicaid applications, to screen Ryan White applicants and refer them for a Medicaid eligibility determination when appropriate, and develop a method for providing feedback on the determination to the Ryan White program.
- o Outstation Medicaid eligibility workers at Ryan White grantee sites.
- o Work with Ryan White grantees and managed care organizations to ensure a continuum of care for persons with HIV disease that avoids duplication of services and provides optimal service by qualified providers to beneficiaries.

- o Develop managed care contract language that ensures that traditional providers such as Ryan White grantees will be considered for inclusion in managed care organizations, and/or that services provided to beneficiaries be coordinated with Ryan White grantees.

In 1995, under a HCFA-funded contract, the National Governors' Association surveyed States to identify a number of areas where there is an opportunity for Medicaid and CARE Act programs to collaborate. Although the nature of the epidemic and the treatment regimens have changed vastly, many of the practices identified in the survey remain relevant. A copy of that April 1995 report is enclosed for your information.

We are also enclosing for your information a report being released by HRSA concurrently with this letter that offers additional suggestions for Ryan White/Medicaid cooperation, and provides extremely useful background information on the subject.

We are requesting that you designate a contact person from your agency to coordinate these activities with Ryan White grantees and the ADAP program, and to coordinate the input provided to Ryan White Planning Committees from the Medicaid agency in States which have more than one Title I EMA. Please provide the name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of your designee to both appropriate State Health Department staff and me by December 31.

One of HCFA's objectives is to ensure that Medicaid-eligible individuals living with HIV disease are provided quality health care. In partnership with you, the State Health Departments, Ryan White Grantees, and HRSA, I feel assured that this objective can be met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sally K. Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sally" being more prominent.

Sally K. Richardson
Director

2 Enclosures

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cc:

Director

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All HCFA Associate Regional Administrators
for Medicaid and State Operations

Director, HIV/AIDS Bureau

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National Conference of State Legislatures

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President of The United States of America

FAX NUMBER: 202-456-2461

FROM: Joey B. Pressley, Director of Outreach, Education & Prevention
Harlem United Community AIDS Center

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Please Review and Reply:

Dear Mr. President, The attached information concerns important information about HIV/AIDS services for Black Gay and Bisexual men. Please read the attached information.

Sincerely, Joey Pressley

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November 18, 1998

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Dear Mr. President:

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A couple of years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting you at the White House. The occasion was to bring leaders from New York to the White House to meet with you, members of your Administration and Democratic National Committee officials to discuss your campaign for re-election. At that gathering, you spoke of the importance of people coming together to create positive change for all Americans. This letter is written to you in that spirit.

On October 31st, 1998, the African-American Gay and Bisexual Caucus convened at the United States Conference on AIDS in Dallas, Texas. Our purpose was to discuss the HIV/AIDS State of Emergency that exists in the Black community and what we must do to turn the tide against increasing HIV infection and death in our community.

Those present applauded the Black HIV/AIDS advocacy communities, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Leadership and your Administration for their successful collaboration in achieving the historic \$156 million HIV/AIDS Initiative targeting services and agencies in the African-American community.

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to identify AIDS as the leading cause of death in Black men between the ages of 25-44. The vast majority of those individuals are Gay and Bisexual. While significant progress has been made in reducing the rate of new HIV infections in the White Gay community, infections among Black Gay and Bisexuals continue unabated. Due to homophobia in the Black community and racism in the larger society, funding to initiatives targeting Black Gay and Bisexual men's programs has not been well supported. This must change and we ask for your support in addressing this neglect.

As the Administration implements the African-American HIV/AIDS Initiative, we request that specific language targeting services and programs to Black Gay and Bisexual men be included in the implementation plans, program

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guidance and request for proposals (RFPs) to determine the allocation of these critical resources.

Targeting such services to Black Gay and Bisexual men is extremely important to the community my organization serves. Based on current statistics, men who have sex with other men represents the second largest mode of HIV transmission in Harlem (following intravenous drug use). The program, which I manage, is one of the few expressly targeting Gay and Bisexual men in the Harlem community.

As your Administration prepares its year 2000 budget, we strongly urge that you do all that you can to include increased support for targeted funds to the African-American community. In that increased support, it is imperative that Black Gay and Bisexual men are targeted for service delivery.

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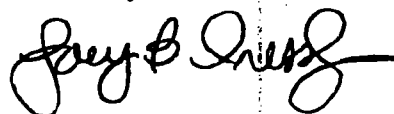
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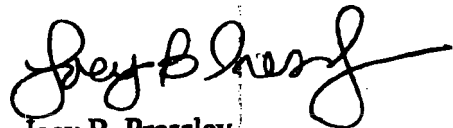
Attached to this letter you will find a statement written by Black Gay and Bisexual men who met at the recent United States Conference on AIDS in Dallas, Texas on October 31st, 1998. They met to discuss the HIV/AIDS State of Emergency that exists in the African-American community and to discuss what must be done to turn the tide against increasing HIV infection and death in their (our) communities. The statement, which lists several areas of concern and an opportunity for individuals to affix names and signatures, has been disseminated across the nation. Both Gay and non-Gay individuals have been asked to sign-on to the statement.

The statement and petition, copies of which are attached, was circulated by me:

- at New York City's Prevention Planning Group,
- among members of a Harlem United Gay Men's Support Group, and
- at a recent Gay Men of African Descent Friday night meeting.

Please read the statement and note the names of those who have affixed their names to the petition.

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STATEMENT

(Developed By Black Gay and Bisexual Men At The US Conference On AIDS In Dallas, Texas On October 31st, 1998)

On October 31, 1998, the African-American Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus convened at the United States Conference on AIDS in Dallas, Texas. Our purpose was to discuss the HIV/AIDS State of Emergency that exists in the African-American community and what we must do to turn the tide against increasing HIV infection and death in our community. The first action of the body was to reclaim the activist role and voice of our communities related to HIV/AIDS within and beyond the African American community.

The devastating impact of HIV/AIDS among African American Gay men is well documented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, we all have first hand evidence of the devastation through the deaths of tens of thousands of our lovers, fathers, brothers and friends. In an effort to create positive change in our community we commit to reclaiming the strong history of African American gay activism in HIV/AIDS

In order to save our lives and the lives of other members of the African-American community we demand:

* The inclusion of specific language targeting funding to African American Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS and the indigenous community-based agencies with a history of serving them in the implementation plans and Requests For Proposals (RFPs) developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of the Clinton Administration's new \$156 million African American HIV Initiative spearheaded by the Congressional Black Caucus.

* That indigenous agencies and programs targeting the African American Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities receive funding that is, at a minimum, consistent with the percentage of Gay, Bisexual and Transgender HIV/AIDS cases at the federal level and in our local jurisdictions.

* That African American Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people are actively recruited as program consultants and to participate in all aspects of the program planning, policy making and implementation of HIV/AIDS program serving African Americans living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS. This would include but not be limited to participation in proposal review panels, advisory committees and councils and working groups.

* That the needs African American Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues be highlighted in programs and initiatives targeting the African American community.

* That federal, state and local public health officials as well as African American community members stop pitting the needs of African American Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people against injection drug users and women. All of our voices will be essential to stopping new HIV infections in the African American community and ensuring access to services for all

African Americans living with HIV/AIDS. The reawakening of the African American gay voice does not diminish the power or importance of other voices in our community.

*** That the African American community acknowledges our presence in all aspects of community life.**

We will not be rendered invisible in order to make people comfortable in their homophobia and neglect. We have determined that the continued invisibility and associated stigma targeted against African-American Gay men is tantamount to systematic genocide. We refuse to remain silent while members of our community continue to do without and die.

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