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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR ASHLEY RAINES

From: Todd Summers 
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 632-1090

Date: November 3, 1997

Re: WH Passes for Montoya and Yandura

I have requested WH Passes for two agency representatives (to the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS) currently working in our office. Both will be asked to attend meetings and work within our OEOP office on a regular basis (more than 3 times per week on average). In addition, both help our office in coordinating meetings within our OEOP office for ONAP Director Sandy Thurman; the ability to approve access and accompany guests would greatly facilitate our work here.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1997

Joseph J. D'Amour, Esquire
Liaison to the Gay Community
City of Springfield
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Mr. D'Amour:

This is in further response to our conversation concerning the eligibility of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, for designation as an Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) under Title I of the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, as amended. As I indicated, the eligibility criteria for EMA designation are prescribed in the Statute. The CARE Act administering agency, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), does not have discretion in the application of the criteria.

The EMA designation eligibility criteria are, among other things, that the metropolitan area 1) be a metropolitan statistical area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget; 2) have at least 2,000 cumulative AIDS cases for the most recent five year period; and 3) have a minimum population of 500,000. The Ryan White CARE Act of 1990 did not have a minimum population requirement for EMA designation and had a minimum per capita incidence of cumulative cases of .0025 as a qualifying criterion for EMA designation, which allowed metropolitan areas with populations of less than 500,000 to qualify for EMA designation.

The 500,000 minimum population criterion was added and the incidence criterion removed by the Congress when it re-authorized the CARE Act in 1996. This addition of the minimum population requirement was in keeping with the original Congressional intent that Title I funds address the needs of those metropolitan areas where HIV/AIDS was most heavily concentrated and that Title I funds go to urban centers disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Conferees made this explicit in the Conference Report accompanying the amendments by stating that, "It is the intent of the Conferees that, beginning in fiscal year 1996 and continuing through the reauthorization period, no new metropolitan area with fewer than 500,000 people be eligible for Part A funds."

Congress recognized, however, in the passage of the original Ryan White CARE Act that HIV/AIDS was not solely a problem of the very large urban areas, and authorized the other Titles of the CARE Act to assist those areas. The City of Springfield and providers of HIV/AIDS related services in Springfield receive, or may be eligible to receive, funding from these other programs authorized by the CARE Act. These are:

Title II, which provides grants, awarded by formula, to States and Territories for the provision of outpatient and ambulatory health and support services for individuals and families with HIV disease. Under this Title, States may fund up to four authorized programs, which are a) Consortia, b) Insurance Continuation, c) Home and community-based services, and d) Therapeutics to treat HIV disease. Funds are further distributed by States to areas throughout the state. The Springfield area receives funds from the State under this Title;

Title III(b), which provides competitive grants to providers for the provision of early-intervention services to people with HIV/AIDS. Family Planning of Western Massachusetts receives \$412,650 for the provision of these services;

Title IV, which provides competitive grants to providers for the development of innovative models that link systems of comprehensive primary and community-based medical and social support services for children, youth, women and families affected by HIV with clinical research of potential benefit to individuals with HIV disease; and

Part F, the Special Projects of National Significance program, which provides competitive funding to non-profit organizations to support demonstrations and evaluations of innovative models of delivering health and support services to people living with HIV.

Another source of funding for services to people with HIV/AIDS is the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program, administered by the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program provides assistance to address the housing and related supportive service needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Although this program provides grants to eligible States and cities, ten percent of the funds under this program are awarded by competitive selection for model projects proposed by State or local governments or non-profit organizations.

You should contact Dr. Joseph O'Neill, Associate Administrator, HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA, telephone number (301) 443-1993, for further information concerning Ryan White CARE Act funding, and Mr. David Vos, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, HUD, telephone number (202) 708-1934, for additional information about the HOPWA program. For your reference, I am also enclosing an earlier letter from Dr. O'Neill to Congressman Neal concerning the issues which you raised.

Sincerely,

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Todd Summers
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Bureau of Health Resources Development

Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Health
Washington DC 20201

JUN 26 1997

The Honorable Richard E. Neal
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4905

Dear Mr. Neal:

Thank you for your letter dated June 5 to Mr. Robert Baitty, Branch Chief, Survey Documentation and Quality Assurance Branch, Division of HIV Services (DHS), in which you expressed concern over the allocation of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act funds in the State of Massachusetts. You had a particular concern regarding the inequities in the allocation of funding to certain regions within Western Massachusetts, specifically to the City of Springfield.

You indicated that monies appropriated through Title I of the CARE Act are not proportionately disbursed to communities in Western Massachusetts. Title I dollars of the CARE Act are awarded to eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs) based on defined metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), determined by the United States Office of Management and Budget. The Boston Title I EMA does not cover the geographic counties located within western Massachusetts, including the City of Springfield, and the MSA including the City of Springfield does not meet eligibility criteria, as cited in CARE Act legislation for Title I funding.

The Title II program of the CARE Act allocates funding to states and territories that provide health care and support services for people living with HIV disease. In fiscal year (FY) 1997, Massachusetts received a Title II grant award of \$7,528,256. This amount specifically includes an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) earmark of \$3,310,714. As you are aware, Title II funds may be spent for HIV services through consortia or direct contracting, home and community-based care, continuation of health insurance coverage, and ADAP. The CARE Act specifies that decisions regarding the allocation of funds to these various categories be determined by the State, not the Federal funding agency.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which administers the Title II program, is in the process of conducting a competitive Request for Proposals (RFPs) to determine funding allocations throughout Massachusetts. A variety of community based AIDS service organizations in Springfield have submitted RFPs to the Department of Public

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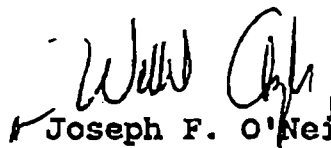
Health for AIDS funding (both Federal and State), and will be notified of their FY 98 HIV funding level sometime in early fall, effective October 1.

The DHS Project Officer for the Massachusetts Title II grant is Dr. James C. McCann. Dr. McCann is in contact with the grantee on a regular basis, and is continuously informed of Title II funding activities within the State.

The Title II grant is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Bureau, 250 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA, 02108-4619. The Program Director is Mr. John Auerbach. Mr. Auerbach can be contacted at 617-624-5303.

We appreciate your interest in the provision of needed services to people living with HIV and AIDS in Massachusetts, and in particular to those residents residing in Springfield. We are pleased to inform you that the state and local administration of the Title II grant is in compliance with the legislation and the intent of the CARE Act. If you need additional information please contact Dr. James C. McCann at 301 443-2937.

Sincerely,


Joseph F. O'Neill, M.D., M.P.H.
Acting Associate Administrator



To: Michael
Fr: Jim
F: j
Help!!!!!!

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR MICHAEL J. ALBANO

Joseph J. O'Neil, Esq.

Liaison to the Gay Community

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FAX

To: JIM MANLEY, OFFICE OF SEN. TED KENNEDY
Date: November 13, 1997 Pages: 3 Including Cover
RE: LETTER FROM TODD SUMMERS,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY

JM:

TODD SUMMERS IS GIVING US THE SAME OLD RESPONSE AS DR. JOSEPH O'NEILL AT HRSA TO THE TITLE I FUNDING SCANDAL: **TOO BAD!**

IF HE WERE AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT OUR AIDS EPIDEMIC, HE COULD ADVISE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO USE HER DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY, UNDER THE ACT, TO ORDER FUNDS TO BE SHIFTED FROM TITLE I TO TITLE II, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO ASK OMB TO RECONFIGURE HARTFORD'S TITLE I REGION TO INCLUDE HAMPDEN COUNTY.

WE CAN'T ACCEPT "NO" FOR AN ANSWER: THERE MUST BE A WAY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDS TO SPRINGFIELD BASED UPON OUR PRESENT RATE OF AIDS INFECTION WHICH IS THE 25TH HIGHEST IN THE NATION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR ADVICE ON PHASE TWO OF OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE STATUS QUO— TO BRING OUR FAIR SHARE OF FEDERAL AIDS FUNDS TO SPRINGFIELD.

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CC: DAVID KEANEY, OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN RICHARD E. NEAL

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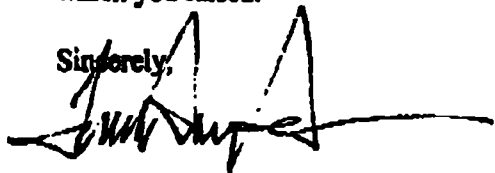
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Deputy Director
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Where is our money?

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AIDS money soars past a billion

IT DID SOAR

WASHINGTON — Funding for HIV/AIDS finally lumbered out of the Congressional appropriations process as part of the budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. HHS funding is traditionally one of the last measures to emerge.

Ryan White CARE programs will break the billion dollar mark for the first time, soaring 44 percent to \$1.4 billion. Money is up in all categories. The biggest increase is an additional \$118.5 million for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP), a 71 percent increase. Research funding at NIH will rise by \$105 million.

"Considering the 1997 budget agreement limiting the pool of funds available for our programs, our achievements so far have been remarkable," said the AIDS Action Council in a memo to its members.

"There is real leadership in the fight against AIDS today, and it is clearly coming from Congress," said Rich Hirsch, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans. "While the President and the Vice President continue to give speeches about AIDS, speeches don't fund programs in crisis."

Congress again appropriated more money for AIDS than the Clinton administration requested. Most glaring was ADAP where the White House proposed no new funds and refused to push for an increase while the measure was under debate, despite pleas from the community to do so.

Seth Kibboorn, a health lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), said, "These are clear signs that Congress understands the importance of getting the new drugs, primary care, and other services to people who might not otherwise be able to afford them."

He singled out Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania) and Reps. John Porter (R-Illinois) and Nancy Pelosi (D-California) for their leadership on these issues.

Bill Arnold with the ADAP Working Group was "appreciative" of the increase but concerned that it is \$14 million less than the House version and less than the need. He fears "the cumulative effect of two funding cycles of under funding (which has resulted in ADAP programs in one sort of trouble or another all over the country."

The federal government allows

state programs in crisis to draw down ADAP funding prior to the April 1 start of the cycle. But some state combinations which require a

balanced budget prohibit that type of arrangement. Arnold holds out hope of supplemental appropriations and acknowledged that the funding cycle for ADAP allows them some breathing room to seek that.

Briefs

RHODE ISLAND GETTING GRANT TO PAY FOR AIDS HOUSING

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Rhode Island is getting a \$1.1 million federal grant to help pay for housing and other assistance for people with AIDS and HIV.

The grant was announced Monday by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of \$19.6 million awarded to 20 states.

The money will be provided to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, the federal agency said.

U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., said the money will go towards assisting about 200 AIDS and HIV victims in Rhode Island.

In announcing the grants, federal housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said AIDS "too often

throws hard-working Americans into poverty, hitting them with huge medical bills and sometimes leaving them unable to work."

He said "HUD assistance is vital to prevent those in greatest need from being forced into homelessness."

PASTOR SUSPENDED FOR LESBIAN COMMITMENT CEREMONY

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha pastor who performed a lesbian marriage ceremony in defiance of Methodist church law has been suspended for two months with pay.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1997

Ms. Theresa D. Jackson
1660 Topping Avenue - 3A
Bronx, New York 10457

Dear Ms. Jackson:

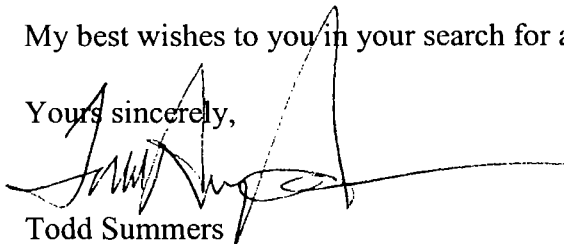
I received your resume from Sarah Holewinski of our office. Your list of credentials is most impressive.

We do not, unfortunately, have any positions available within our office that fit your professional qualifications at this time. However, I did want to recognize your committed administrative work dealing with HIV and AIDS.

Thank you for your dedication to fighting this epidemic. I know that you will find a position worthy of your strengths.

My best wishes to you in your search for a new position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Summers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Summers
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Theresa D. Jackson
1660 Topping Avenue
Brønx, New York 10457
(718) 294-8439

September 5, 1997

Sarah Holewinski
Office of National AIDS Policy
Executive Office of the President
808 17th Street, N.W. - Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Sarah:

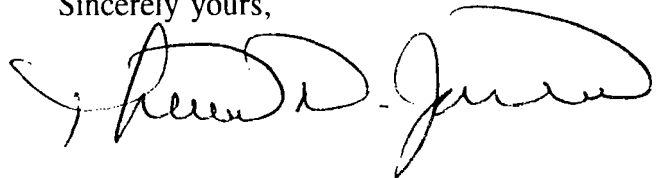
It was very nice speaking with you last week, and I really appreciate your offer to assist me in securing future employment. As I mentioned, my last day here at the Academy is Friday, Sept. 12th, a day after the Council of AIDS meeting. My position is being eliminated because of reduced grant funding for 1997/98.

Although this is quite unfortunate, I hold good memories of working with the various AIDS committees for the past five years. I am also satisfied that my program was a part of bringing about positive changes for people who are suffering with HIV/AIDS. But now, it is time for me to move on.

It would be appreciated if you would forward my resume to any organization where there is a need for a skilled and efficient administrative assistant. My resume is enclosed for your review.

Once again, thanks so much.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa D. Jackson', written in a cursive style.

THERESA D. JACKSON
1660 Topping Avenue - 3A
Bronx, New York 10457
(718) 294-8439

QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong communications and business writing skills
- Organized, highly motivated and detail-oriented
- Excellent diplomatic and problem solving resolution skills
- Able to prioritize and coordinate multiple assignments w/follow-up

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Wordperfect for Windows 5.1 (Graphics, Tables & Mail Merge, Excel 4.0) cc:mail; e:mail; Aldus PageMaker 5.0; Internet: Netscape; Windows 95; Microsoft Word 6.0 & 7.0; Dictaphone Transcription; Type 60 +

EXPERIENCE

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

Office of Special Population Projects - Administrative Assistant

7/93 - Present

- Programmed office (copiers, printers, computers and fax machines) monitored for maintenance repairs
- Compiled and updated mailing lists
- Coordinated mailings and on-line faxing for over 20 HIV/AIDS committees
- Composed and prepared interoffice and business correspondence
- Specialized in designing charts and business forms for company use
- Organized all major aspects of meetings, conferences and special events, i.e. (room set-ups, guest speakers, catering service provisions, confirmation calls, registration, securing audiovisual equipment, photocopying and distribution of handout materials)

The Commission on Biomedical Research & Development - Secretary

3/92 - 6/93

- Developed filing systems with techniques for cross referencing
- Compiled information for research projects
- Purchased office supplies and furniture
- Processed check requests and purchase orders
- Managed calendars and screened telephone calls

TEMPORARY PERSONNEL AGENCIES

Receptionist/Word Processing Secretary

1/91 - 2/92

- Worked for various temporary agencies in the metropolitan area on short and long-term assignments for companies such as Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch and Con Edison.

SOUTHERN COMPANY SERVICES, INC.

Secretary/Receptionist

2/84 - 3/89

- Provided clerical support for 5 administrators - Shareholder Relations
- Trained executive staff in current word processing software
- Handled correspondence, scheduled meetings and prepared daily itineraries

EDUCATION

American Business Institute (1978 - 1980) - Secretarial Sciences

Atlanta Systems & Analysis (1984 - 1985) - Courses in WordPerfect & Telecommunications

American Management Association (1988) - Business Writing

National Seminars Group (1995) - Comprehensive Business Grammar & Usage

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association for Female Executives

References Furnished Upon Request