November 30, 2011

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are very excited and pleased that you will deliver a speech this World AIDS Day. This year's theme is Getting to Zero: Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths. This is a goal that we all support.

We are leading domestic AIDS organizations, active in delivering services in our communities and advocating at the local, state and national levels. We believe that the United States must fight AIDS both at home and globally.

Our organizations ask that you let the world know that we now have the capacity to begin to end the AIDS epidemic, with pledges to take action on both the domestic and global epidemics.

- On the domestic epidemic, pledges to move forward on ending the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. by continuing to implement the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) with a commitment of resources for HIV prevention, housing, care and treatment to meet the NHAS targets, reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act and forcefully defending the Affordable Care Act, including the federal commitment to the Medicaid program, with its potential to greatly enhance prevention and treatment of HIV.
- On the global epidemic, an accelerated target of treatment delivery to reach six million people with lifesaving AIDS treatment by 2013 through PEPFAR as part of a comprehensive prevention and treatment effort.
- on all fronts, leadership, concrete commitments and recommendations to eliminate laws and government policies that single out people with HIV for exclusion from employment or services, and that perpetuate stigma or discrimination and undermine prevention efforts by subjecting those who test positive for HIV to criminal prosecution and extreme punishments ranging from extended prison sentences to sex-offender registration for consensual and no-risk contact with others.

We urge you to make a bold announcement about our ability to begin to end this epidemic at home and abroad.

Respectfully yours,

Acadiana CARES Lafayette, LA

AIDS Action Baltimore Baltimore, MD

AIDS Alabama Birmingham, AL

AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families Washington, DC

AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA) New York, NY

AIDS Foundation of Chicago Chicago, IL

AIDS Project Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA

AIDS Project of Central Iowa Des Moines, IA

AIDS Resource Center Ohio Dayton,OH

AIDS United Washington, DC

American Social Health Association Research Triangle Park, NC

amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research New York, NY

Aniz, Inc. Atlanta, GA

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum San Francisco, CA & Washington, DC

Asian Human Services, Inc. Chicago, IL

Asian Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS New York, NY

Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Akron, OH

AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention New York, NY

Bienestar Human Services Los Angeles, CA

Black AIDS Institute Los Angeles, CA

Black Women's Health Imperative Washington, DC

Borderbelt AIDS Resource Team Lumberton, NC

Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS New York, NY

CAEAR Coalition Washington, DC

Cascade AIDS Project Portland, OR

Center for HIV Law and Policy New York, NY

Center on Halsted Chicago, IL

Chicago House and Social Service Agency Chicago, IL

Christie's Place San Diego, CA

Citiwide Harm Reduction Bronx, NY

Colorado AIDS Project Denver, CO

Community Education Group Washington, DC

Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition Hartford, CT

Desert AIDS Project Palm Springs, CA

Florida GLBT Democratic Caucus Tampa, FL

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) New York, NY

Grady Health System, Infectious Disease Program Atlanta, GA

Georgia AIDS Coalition Snellville, GA

Harlem United Community AIDS Center New York, NY

HealthHIV Washington, DC

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights Chicago, IL

HELP/PSI, Inc. New York, NY

HEROES Columbia, LA

HIV Law Project New York, NY

HIV Medicine Association Washington, DC

HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA) Chicago, IL

Howard Brown Health Center Chicago, IL

Hyacinth AIDS Foundation New Brunswick, NJ

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center Los Angeles, CA Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA) New York, NY

Legacy Community Health Services Houston, TX

Lifelong AIDS Alliance Seattle, WA

Multicultural AIDS Coalition Boston, MA

Nashville CARES Nashville, TN

National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC) Washington, DC

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) Washington, DC

National Association of People with AIDS Washington, DC

National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition Washington, DC

National Coalition for LGBT Heath Washington, DC

National Coalition of STD Directors Washington, DC

National Latino AIDS Action Network Washington, DC

National Minority AIDS Council Washington, DC

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center Denver, CO

National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable Rohnert Park, CA

National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC) Washington, DC Nebraska AIDS Project Omaha, NE

NO/AIDS Task Force New Orleans, LA

Northern Colorado AIDS Project Fort Collins, CO

Okaloosa AIDS Support and Informational Services, Inc. (OASIS) Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Open Door Clinic of Greater Elgin Elgin, IL

Our Loving Arms, Inc. Indianapolis, IN

Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative Chicago, IL

Positive Women's Network (PWN) Oakland, CA

Poz Vets Georgia Atlanta, GA

Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition Arlington, VA

San Francisco AIDS Foundation San Francisco, CA

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) Washington, DC

TACTS-The Association of Clinical Trials Services Chicago, IL

Tennessee AIDS Advocacy Network Chattanooga, Cookeville, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville, TN Test Positive Aware Network Chicago, IL

The Afiya Center HIV Prevention & Sexual Reproductive Justice Dallas, TX

The AIDS Institute Tampa, FL & Washington, DC

The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland Cleveland, OH

The Association of Clinical Trial Services-TACTS Chicago, IL

The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF) Oakland, CA

The Kaleidoscope Project Denver, CO

The National Alliance of HIV Education and Workforce Development (NAHEWD) Washington, DC

Treatment Access Expansion Project (TAEP) Boston, MA

Treatment Action Group (TAG) New York, NY

UIC-HIV/AIDS Community Clinic Network Chicago, IL

Village Care New York, NY

Voices Of Community Advocates & Leaders (VOCAL-NY) New York, NY

Women Organized to Respond to Lifethreatening Diseases Oakland, CA