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**DEMAND HOUSING
FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE
LIVING WITH AIDS & HIV**

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AAPI, LGBT, Education & the Arts
Presidential Transition Team

Dear Mr. Mehta,

Thank you and the Transition Team for hosting the call with HIV/AIDS leaders. We appreciate the outreach. Unfortunately I was one of the 50 that was in the cue that was unable to comment so I am sending this note to share, briefly, what my comments would have been:

1. We need to acknowledge the urgency of the domestic epidemic and to that end need to have concrete steps towards a National AIDS Strategy in the first 100 days - to be specific: goal, objectives and timelines could be in place within this time frame - as well as a high level White House person and committee in place to shepherd the process.
2. We need to shift our language: Our goal needs to be ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic. If our goal is to reduce infections and incidence, we could very well reach our goal yet still be facing a tremendous epidemic in this country and abroad.
3. We need to ensure that people living with HIV/AIDS who are receiving services are integrated throughout all aspects of the strategy development and implementation. The Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA) would be happy to be of assistance in identifying these participants.
4. We need to integrate the Ryan White reauthorization/new legislation process in with health care reform and modifications to Medicaid and Medicare.

Again - thank you for the outreach and we look forward to continued interaction with this team. Feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or strategies as to how we can proceed together.

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