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Mr. Parag Mehta
Deputy Director of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs
Obama-Biden Transition Project
Washington, DC 20270

Dear Mr. Mehta:

Thank you for convening the transition team's call with the HIV/AIDS community earlier this week. CAEAR Coalition greatly appreciated the opportunity to join with our colleagues to provide our perspective on priority issues related to the nation's response to HIV/AIDS. While we recognize the transition process is moving toward its conclusion, we request the opportunity to participate in any future meetings or conference calls that your office convenes with the HIV/AIDS community.

CAEAR Coalition's members include Ryan White Program Part A, Part B, Part C, Part D and Part F consumers, grantees, and providers. The combination of municipal administrators, community-based providers and consumers of HIV care and support services provides CAEAR Coalition with unique and invaluable programmatic insight and policy expertise.

We greatly appreciate your efforts during this critical and exciting time and appreciate the opportunity to participate in any HIV/AIDS-related meetings prior to the Inauguration. Our office can be reached at 202-789-3565 or info@caear.org.

Sincerely,

Christopher Brown
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cc: The Honorable Tom Daschle, Secretary-Designate, Department of Health and Human Services
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