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- CANAN  
(Community AIDS National Alert Network)  
National fax and Email Alerts

**The Title II T.A. Corps**

- Peer and Technical Assistance for Title II  
Community needs
- 1. High Risk Insurance Pools
- 2. Disability Benefits and "Back to Work"
- 3. ADAP Technical Assistance

**ETHA & TAEP Participation**

- (The Treatment Access Expansion Project)  
(Early Treatment for HIV Act)  
Cost-effective solutions to access to  
HIV/AIDS care & treatments.

**The Voice of TII CANN**

Newsletter for Ryan White funded  
service providers and clients

**Members**

- FAAP (Federal AIDS Policy Partnership)
- RWCA Reauthorization Work Group
- Convening Group
- Medicaid/Medicare Work Group
- ABAC (AIDS Budget & Appropriations Coalition)
- HAP (Hepatitis Appropriations Partnership)
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- The ADAP Working Group
- CCD (Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities)
- ATAC (AIDS Treatment Advocacy Coalition)
- "Save ADAP" Workgroup

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The Honorable Eliot Engel  
United States Congress  
2161 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Early Treatment of HIV Act Amendment

Via Fax

Dear Congressman Engel:

I am writing to give you my sincere gratitude for your introduction of the amendment based on the Early Treatment of HIV Act (ETHA). As you know, this bill has historically had bipartisan support because it would solve a large setback in the Medicaid law. Under the current law a person living with HIV/AIDS must not only meet the income requirement to receive medical assistance, they must also be disabled by full blown AIDS. This is hardly an effective way to combat this epidemic. Research has shown that correcting this will reduce the death rate due to the virus by at least 50% and that it would significantly save money in the long run by preventing hospitalization.

By providing states with the option of amending their Medicaid eligibility requirements to included uninsured, pre-disabled low-income people living with HIV we will be taking a large step in providing health care to all Americans who are in need. As a leader of the United States you should be very proud of your efforts on ETHA and know that myself and the Title II Community AIDS National Network stand with you.

As a long time New York based HIV/AIDS advocate, and being fortunate to have Congressman Maurice Hinchey on my Board of Directors I am particularly pleased to see this leadership of "good old NY" on the HIV/AIDS issue.

Yours truly,

William E. Arnold  
CEO

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