

We, the undersigned, urge Congress to support the swift reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act - the core of this nation's AIDS care and treatment strategy in the United States - and to ensure that the Ryan White CARE Act reflects the changing face of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our nation today.

Furthermore, we call on Congress to forge a comprehensive solution by reforming this program to close the gaps in access and treatment. We recommend that the reauthorization ensures equal access under the Ryan White CARE Act by including the following provisions:

1. Problem proportional funding for existing and new Title III projects to provide high-quality, community-based primary care to low-income, underserved and underinsured populations living in rural and underserved areas;
2. Creation of an "Infrastructure and Capacity Expansion Program" to provide resources to assist community-based organizations in providing high-quality medical and supportive services to rural and urban communities serving underserved minority populations. Provision of these resources would build the organizational infrastructure and HIV service capacity in underserved communities;
3. Preservation and quadrupling of the Congressional Minority AIDS Initiative to address the

development, implementation and provision of high quality care by indigenous, culturally competent organizations to underserved minority individuals living with HIV/AIDS.