

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Ensure Access to Life-Saving Medications: Cosponsor the ACCESS ADAP Act

September 22, 2010

Please join us in addressing the unmet treatment and care needs of thousands of individuals living with HIV/AIDS by cosponsoring S. 3401, the ACCESS ADAP Act. This bill ensures that HIV/AIDS patients across our nation have access to the treatment they need and that we are addressing this need in a fiscally responsible manner for our children and grandchildren.

Sadly, more than 3,400 individuals in 11 states (Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Utah) were on AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waiting lists as of September 10. Every day that a patient waits to enroll in these life-saving programs threatens their health and overall quality of life. The ADAP program has been an essential part of the Ryan White program's success. Unfortunately, many States have established ADAP waiting lists and implemented other cost-containment measures, including formulary changes, as they struggle to meet the needs of their HIV/AIDS patients in this difficult economic time.

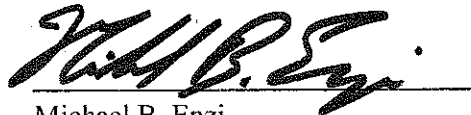
While the Administration recently provided \$25 million to address this growing problem, we remain concerned that this amount will not adequately cover all of the cost of providing treatment to the growing list of individuals and fully address ADAP needs through the end of Fiscal Year 2010. The ACCESS ADAP Act transfers \$126 million of unobligated discretionary stimulus dollars to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reduce the ADAP waiting lists and address the other cost-containment measures State ADAPs have taken.

Thousands of people are waiting for Congress to act to provide life-saving treatment. We encourage you to join us in supporting this life-saving legislation so that we can address the ADAP waiting lists on behalf of the patients the ADAP program serves. Please contact Anna Abram with Senator Richard Burr (Anna_Abram@help.senate.gov) to cosponsor S.3401.

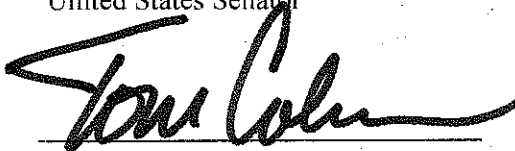
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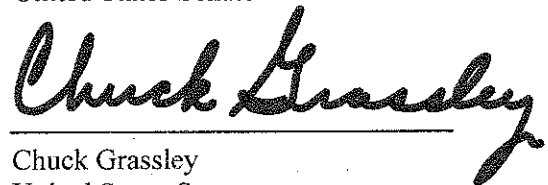
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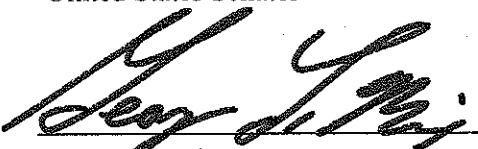
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