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Mr. William E. Arnold, Director
AIDS Drug Assistance Program Working Group
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Dear Mr. Arnold:

Thank you for your July 4 letter to Governor Bush regarding the financial status of the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) throughout the country. Since the responsibility for ADAP rests with the Department of Health, the Governor has asked me to respond on his behalf.

In Florida, our program remains open for new enrollment, although we are monitoring our enrollment volume and expenses very closely. As you know, Florida has fully participated in the national ADAP Task Force under the leadership of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors. This task force is working diligently to bring better prices to ADAPs across the country so that capacity can be increased to meet the growing demand. It is expected that additional savings in excess of \$50 million will be realized with this effort.

I have asked the Bureau of HIV/AIDS to keep me apprised of program changes as they occur here in Florida. We wish you all the best in advocating for these outstanding programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JOA", written over a horizontal line.

John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A.
Secretary, Department of Health

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