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ADAP Advocacy Association Blasts Radio Personality Jim Quinn’s Bigoted, Irresponsible Remarks about AIDS; Quinn Calls HIV/AIDS “Gay Civil Right” and Falsely Claims “Doors Open Up” for AIDS Patients in America

From the January 14 edition of Clear Channel's The War Room with Quinn and Rose

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 21, 2010) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today blasted remarks made by radio personality Jim Quinn for the bigoted, irresponsible remarks he made during his January 14th radio program about HIV/AIDS. He falsely claimed that the “doors open up” to people living with HIV infection in the United States – completely overlooking the reality that most people living with HIV infection are gainfully employed, and those who are not most often find themselves trapped well below the federal poverty level.

During his program, Quinn compared HIV/AIDS to Tuberculosis, which demonstrated his ineptness to understand the disease; tuberculosis is spread through the air, when people who have the disease cough, sneeze, or spit, while infection with HIV occurs by the transfer of blood, semen, vaginal fluid, pre-ejaculate, or breast milk. Quinn suggested that once an individual is infected with HIV, there are eligible for a “maid” and “transportation” services.

“Aside from the fact that Mr. Quinn is clearly uneducated about HIV infection and the disease itself, he has demonstrated a complete inability to separate fact from fiction during his program,” argued **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “His bigoted propaganda – from calling AIDS a ‘civil right’ to blaming the ‘homosexual-AIDS lobby’ for creating a class of dependent people – simply has no place in our nation’s dialogue. Clear Channel should move to immediately remove his program from its line-up, because he’s spreading misinformation about and hatred toward people living with HIV/AIDS.”

Macsata also contends that Quinn appears trapped in the fear of the early 1980s with his reference to the “homosexual-AIDS lobby,” thereby suggesting HIV/AIDS is a gay disease. According to Macsata, there was not a single factual remark shared with the radio program’s listeners and the misinformation being spewed by Quinn only further fueled misperceptions about the disease and the negative stigma toward people living with HIV/AIDS.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association’s response to Quinn’s bigoted, irresponsible remarks, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

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