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## **ADAP Advocacy Association Sends Appeal to Congress via MyGov365, Seeking House Members to Join HIV/AIDS Caucus; Appeal marks latest effort to leverage social media and grassroots strategies to address ADAP crisis**

*Reinforces message that HIV/AIDS Caucus to first address lingering ADAP crisis*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 28, 2011) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today announced that it has sent an appeal to the entire House of Representatives asking them to join the new HIV/AIDS Caucus. The letter was sent using MyGov365, a nonpartisan civic engagement platform, and it stressed the need for bipartisanship to successfully combat HIV/AIDS in general, and the crisis facing the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) in the United States, specifically.

“We commend Representatives Barbara Lee, Jim McDermott and Gary Franks for their leadership on forming the HIV/AIDS Caucus, as well as the 60 Members of Congress who have already joined it,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “But considering the importance of this issue – including a record number of people living with HIV/AIDS on ADAP being denied access to life-saving medications – we must ensure that as many Members of Congress join the Caucus as possible.”

In July, **aaa+** announced that it was the first HIV/AIDS organization to utilize the MyGov365 platform. To view the **aaa+** profile on MyGov365, go to <http://www.mygov365.com/adapadvocacyassociation>.

The letter reads, in part: “The ADAP Advocacy Association is asking EVERY House Member to join this very important Caucus. HIV/AIDS is **NOT** a partisan issue. Since the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) doesn't ask people it is about to infect about their political party affiliation, it is incumbent upon our elected officials to combat HIV using the very same standard. Partisanship needs to be left out of the equation altogether.”

The letter also stressed the need for the HIV/AIDS Caucus to take up the ongoing ADAP crisis as its very first priority. The letter can be read online at <http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/pressroom.html>.

**As of September 22nd, there were 8,785 individuals in 10 states on ADAP waiting lists, including Florida with 4,098 individuals; Georgia with 1,732 individuals; Idaho with 37 individuals; Louisiana with 1,112 individuals; Montana with 28 individuals; North Carolina with 354 individuals; Ohio with 9 individuals; South Carolina with 367 individuals; Utah with 59 individuals; and Virginia with 989 individuals.**

To learn more about MyGov365, ADAP waiting lists, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at [info@adapadvocacyassociation.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacyassociation.org).

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