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ADAP Advocacy Association Releases 2011 Congressional ADAP Scorecard; Overall Congressional Record Improves on AIDS Drug Assistance Programs

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (March, 2012) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**®, today released its 2011 Congressional Scorecard evaluating Members of Congress on their support for the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). The scorecard demonstrated a marked improvement over last year because the vast majority of both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate received passing grades. Republicans and Democrats both supported additional federal funding, which contributed to the improved rankings last year.

The Congressional Scorecard ranked the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on numerous items, including floor votes on appropriations and other bills directly impacting ADAPs, co-sponsors on pending legislation improving ADAPs and other relevant legislation, Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus membership and whether they issued public statements about ADAPs during the year. The scorecard issued one of four grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with Honors or Pass with Excellence.

“The ADAP Advocacy Association is pleased that as a whole, Congress demonstrated much improved leadership on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program and backed up their support with much-needed increased federal appropriations,” summarized **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association.

According to Macsata, House Members were evaluated using a 10-point scale and Senate Members using a 5-point scale. The House evaluation included Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus membership, issuance of public statements on ADAP, support for the Hastings Amendment, support for H.R.1473, H.R.1774, H.R.2055, H.R.2954, H.R.3053 and H.R.3547, and finally opposition to H.R.1. The Senate evaluation included Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus membership, issuance of public statements on ADAP, support for H.R.1473 and H.R.2055, as well as support for S.Res.162.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, 59 received a failing grade (or 13%) and 384 received a passing grade (or 87%); among the passing grades, 241 were issued a “Pass” grade, 122 were issued a “Pass with Honors” grade and 21 were issued a “Pass with Excellence” grade. Only Democrats received a “Pass with Excellence” grade. Among Republicans, 57 received a “Fail” grade, 182 received a “Pass” grade and one (1) received “Pass with Honors” grade. Meanwhile, 59 Democrats garnered “Pass” grades and 121 earned “Pass with Honors” grades. Two (2) Democrats failed under the rankings. Democratic Representative Henry “Hank” Johnson (GA-4) had the highest score among House Members with a nine rating.

In the U.S. Senate, eighty-five (85) passing grades were issued to Senators as were fifteen (15) failing grades. Only two “Pass with Excellence” scores were issued (Republican Senator Johnny Isakson of Georgia and Independent Senator Bernard Sanders of Vermont). Among Republicans, 12 received a “Fail” grade, 32 received a “Pass” grade and three (3) received a “Pass with Honors” grade; Democrats had two (2) “Fail” grades, 35 “Pass” grades and 13 “Pass with Honors” grades.

The 2011 Congressional ADAP Scorecard rankings are as follows:

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES				
Grade	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	Total
Fail	57	2	0	59
Pass	182	59	0	241
Pass with Honors	1	121	0	122
Pass with Excellence	0	21	0	21
TOTAL	240	198	0	443*
UNITED STATES SENATE				
Grade	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	Total
Fail	12	3	0	15
Pass	32	35	0	67
Pass with Honors	3	13	1	17
Pass with Excellence	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	48	51	2	101*

** Total number is higher because it includes resignations and special elections; House Delegates also included.*

ADAPs provide life-saving medications to people living with HIV/AIDS nationwide who are uninsured or under-insured. This vital federal-state program faced a \$126 million shortfall for Fiscal-Year 2011, just to keep pace with current demand. That shortfall led to waiting lists nationwide topping 9,000 for the first time – including Alabama (211 people), Florida (4,022 people), Georgia (1,715 people), Idaho (31 people), Louisiana (1,516 people), Montana (28 people), North Carolina (340 people), Ohio (59 people), South Carolina (836 people), Utah (50 people) and Virginia (950 people), as of September 1, 2011.

To learn more about the 2011 Congressional ADAP Report Card, 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.

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