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ADAP Advocacy Association Releases 2012 Congressional ADAP Scorecard; Despite Sparse Congressional Action, Bipartisan Support Remains for the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 24, 2013) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**[®], today released its 2012 Congressional Scorecard evaluating Members of Congress on their support for the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). Despite little legislative activity surrounding ADAPs during the 2nd Session of the 112th Congress – or activity that indirectly impacted ADAPs – there remained strong bipartisan support similar to last year’s scorecard. Significant majorities in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate supported additional federal funding.

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-sponsorships 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 two grades: Pass or Fail.

“At a time when little or nothing is being accomplished in the Congress as a result of increased partisan polarization, Congress once again demonstrated its bipartisan support for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program,” summarized **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “The program’s proven Return on Investment and solid programmatic performance paid dividends in the form of more people living with HIV-infection who need access to care and treatment having access to the life-saving medications that they need.”

According to Macsata, House Members were evaluated using a simple point. The House evaluation included Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus membership, issuance of public statements on ADAP, support for the Continuing Resolution for Fiscal-Year 2013, support for H.R.6006 and H.R.6138.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, 94 received a failing grade (or 21%) and 339 received a passing grade (or 79%). Among Republicans, 75 received a “Fail” grade, 162 received a “Pass” grade. Meanwhile, 19 Democrats garnered “Fail” grades and 177 earned “Pass” grade.

In the U.S. Senate, no rankings were released for 2012 because there was insufficient legislative activity directly impacting ADAPs aside from support for the “Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal-Year 2012” (H.J.Res. 117), and the “Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2012” (S. 2474). Additional relevant activity included membership with the Bipartisan Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus, as well as public statements made in support of ADAPs throughout the year. However, based upon the aforementioned legislative activity in the U.S. Senate, honorable mentions of gratitude were extended to forty-eight (48) Democrats, fourteen (14) Republicans and two (2) Independents.

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They included Senators Akaka (D-HI), Alexander (R-TN), Baucus (D-MT), Begich (D-AK), Beent (D-CO), Bingaman (D-NM), Blumenthal (D-CT), Blunt (R-MO), Boozman (R-AR), Boxer (D-CA), Brown (R-MA), Brown (D-OH), Cantwell (D-WA), Cardin (D-MD), Carper (D-DE), Casey (D-PA), Coburn (R-OK), Cochran (R-MS), Conrad (D-ND), Coons (D-DE), Durbin (D-IL), Feinstein (D-CA), Franken (D-MN), Gillibrand (D-NY), Hagan (D-NC), Harkin (D-IA), Hoeven (R-ND), Hutchison (R-TX), Inouye (D-HI), Johanns (R-NE), Kerry (D-MA), Klobuchar (D-MN), Kohl (D-WI), Kyl (R-AZ), Landrieu (D-LA), Lautenberg (D-NJ), Leahy (D-VT), Levin (D-MI), Lieberman (I-CT), Lugar (R-IN), McCaskill (D-MO), McConnell (R-KY), Menendez (D-NJ), Merkley (D-OR), Mikulski (D-MD), Murkowski (R-AK), Nelson (D-NE), Nelson (D-FL), Pryor (D-AR), Reed (D-RI), Reid (D-NV), Rockefeller (D-WV), Sanders (I-VT), Schumer (D-NY), Shaheen (D-NH), Stebenow (D-MI), Tester (D-MT), Udall (D-CO), Udall (D-NM), Warner (D-VA), Webb (D-VA), Whitehouse (D-RI), Wicker (R-MS) and Wyden (D-OR).

The 2012 Congressional ADAP Scorecard rankings are as follows:

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES				
Grade	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	Total
Fail	75	19	0	94
Pass	162	177	0	339
TOTAL	237	196	0	443*
UNITED STATES SENATE				
Grade	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	Total
Fail	0	0	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

* Total number is less 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. ADAPs truly need an increase of \$360 million in FY2012 to maintain their programs and fill the structural deficits that have built up over the last several years.¹

To learn more about the 2012 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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¹ The ADAP Coalition, “FY2012 AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FUNDING NEEDS,” April 2011.