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ADAP Advocacy Association Seeks Solutions on World AIDS Day; Thousands of People Living with HIV/AIDS remain on ADAP Waiting Lists

Solutions, not Proclamations are needed to 'End The Wait'

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 1, 2011) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, asked every American today on World AIDS Day to reflect on the millions of lives lost in the struggle against HIV/AIDS, as well as the ongoing stigma and criminalization facing people living with the disease. It also asked the President and Congress to use World AIDS Day to immediately unveil solutions to end the waiting lists under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs that are denying people living with HIV/AIDS access to appropriate, timely care and treatment.

“Whereas Presidential or Congressional Proclamations make us all feel good, they do little to solve the ongoing crisis facing the AIDS Drug Assistance Program that has allowed thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS to fall through the cracks of our public health system,” argued **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “The current ADAP crisis has lingered for over two years, which has put thousands of lives in danger. Today represents the perfect day to propose solutions to end the ADAP waiting lists, thereby causing a true reason to celebrate on this historic day.”

Despite being one of the most successful programs authorized under the Ryan White CARE Act with a proven “Return on Investment,” ADAPs have experienced the perfect storm that has resulted in historically high waiting lists.

As of November 17th, there were 6,595 individuals in 12 states on ADAP waiting lists, including 75 people in Alabama, 3,213 people in Florida, 1,525 people in Georgia, 5 people in Idaho, 475 people in Louisiana, 9 people in Montana, 9 people in Nebraska, 95 people in North Carolina, 0 people in Ohio, 65 people in South Carolina, 13 people in Utah, and 1,111 people in Virginia.

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