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## ADAP Advocacy Association Tackles Counterfeit HIV Medicines

## "Supply Chain Breaks Harm People Living with HIV"

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today announced that it participated in a digital policy briefing hosted by the Partnership for Safe Medicines (PSM) on recent supply chain breaks involving counterfeit, misbranded and substandard HIV medications. The digital briefing is part of the PSM's 118<sup>th</sup> Congress Counterfeit Drug Briefing.

Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy, summarized: "Currently, HIV disproportionately impacts communities of color, women, and people from lower socioeconomic status. The people who are being targeted by these schemes are the same people who need the most help. It is immoral what these criminal ring masters are doing. People living with HIV/AIDS need their more aggressive government and industry intervention making our drug supply chain even more safe, using whatever tools available to put these criminals behind bars."

Macsata, alongside his colleague and expert in counterfeit civil cases, Geoffrey Potter from the national law firm of Paterson Belknap, tackle how counterfeit HIV medicines have been impacted by recent supply chain breaks.

Biktarvy and Descovy are the two HIV medicines most affected in the incident. Macsata stated the PSA was produced in collaboration with the Partnership for Safe Medicines, which is a public health group committed to the safety of prescription drugs and protecting consumers against counterfeit, substandard or otherwise unsafe medicines.

PSM's digital briefing is available at <a href="https://youtu.be/1n7rgtz6-qk">https://youtu.be/1n7rgtz6-qk</a>.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or counterfeit HIV medicines, please email <a href="mailto:info@adapadvocacy.org">info@adapadvocacy.org</a>.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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