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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

October 19, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We want to bring to your attention an outstanding public/private HIV/AIDS education partnership involving the CDC, pharmacists and pharmacy locations, which we feel can play an important role in confronting the AIDS crisis in America.

Pharmacists and pharmacies are located in every type of community throughout the United States. The access that communities have to pharmacies and the high esteem in which pharmacists are held provide strong incentive to incorporate AIDS information into the existing pharmacy infrastructure.

The Foundation of Pharmacists & Corporate America for AIDS Education (FPCA) has developed a program to utilize pharmacies to provide communities with vital AIDS information. "Facts From Your Pharmacist: Answers About AIDS" was created in collaboration with the CDC, pharmaceutical manufacturers, chain and independent pharmacies, pharmacists, colleges of pharmacy, wholesale druggists, state and national pharmacy associations, AIDS organizations, public health experts and Congressional leadership. This public education program includes a series of AIDS education brochures for dissemination to pharmacy customers. Pharmacists also receive training regarding HIV and AIDS to equip them to answer questions from their customers.

President Clinton has committed this administration to the establishment of an effective national AIDS education program. Recently, at the NACDS Pharmacy Marketplace Conference, you spoke eloquently on the vital role of pharmacists in health care. The enclosures will document support for the FPCA AIDS education program from the National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Members of Congress, chain and independent pharmacies, pharmacist associations, and AIDS service organizations. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders has also lent her support to this initiative. Support of this type gives us an unprecedented opportunity to reach millions of Americans with the AIDS prevention message in a manageable and cost effective fashion, while providing for an innovative collaboration between the private and public sector.

Utilization of pharmacy locations and pharmacists would give communities meaningful access to AIDS education and would be an

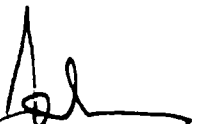
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effective and affordable component of a national AIDS education program.

We respectfully request that you meet with FPCA representatives at the earliest possible date. We wish to determine how this pharmacy-based approach to AIDS education and prevention can be applied throughout the country, while sustaining the public/private sector partnership.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John Lewis
Member of Congress



Nancy Pelosi
Member of Congress



Bill Brewster
Member of Congress

LETTER FOR JOHN LEWIS/BILL BREWSTER/NANCY PELOSI

NOTE TO ASL: THE LETTER REQUESTS THAT MRS. CLINTON MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GROUP. THIS RESPONSE LETTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SUCH COMMITMENT.

The efforts of the Foundation of Pharmacists and Corporate America for AIDS Education (FPCA) can serve to further support our Administration's efforts to provide factual and culturally appropriate educational materials on HIV/AIDS. We also believe that pharmacies play a critical role in the health care system of communities and have recognized them as such in our Health Security Act.

As you have noted, Dr. Elders heartily endorses any program that provides the facts about HIV/AIDS to the American people. Indeed, HIV/AIDS education is a key component of one aspect of the Health Security Act proposal that she personally shepherded: the comprehensive school health education initiative. She looks forward to working with all groups that come forward with scientifically sound, credible HIV/AIDS education programs.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 9, 1994

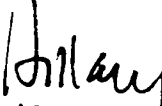
The Honorable John Lewis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lewis:

Thank you for your letter regarding the public/private AIDS education partnership developed by the Foundation of Pharmacists & Corporate America. Educating the public about AIDS is critical and, as you noted, pharmacists can play a pivotal role in this effort.

I have forwarded your suggestions to Kristine Gebbie, the National AIDS Policy Coordinator. Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton