SAVE ADAP.

ADAP SAVES LIVES.

DON'T LET CALIFORNIA DENY LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT TO PEOPLE WITH HIV and AIDS!

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides life-saving medications to low-income Californians living with HIV and AIDS. Without ADAP, drugs that cost $10,000 to $15,000 a year or more would be completely out of their reach. In the 2004-05 budget year, ADAP needs $232 million to assure unlimited access to life-preserving HIV medications. Governor Schwarzenegger's January budget proposal falls dangerously short of that goal:

- The Governor has budgeted only $207 million for ADAP—$25 million less than needed.
- The Governor proposed to *permanently* cap enrollment in the program at the January 2004 level of 23,900 clients.

The Governor's proposal will damage the health of people with HIV/AIDS— and cost the state more in the long-run.

- A cap on ADAP enrollment will force approximately 1,440 people *every year* onto a waiting list for life-prolonging HIV medications. Individuals on this waiting list are likely to become sick and develop full-blown AIDS more quickly.
- Inadequate funding for this program could force the state to remove drugs from the list of treatments currently available to ADAP clients, leaving them vulnerable to more health problems.
- As people denied drugs become sick or disabled, the state will be forced to pay *more* for the cost of acute health care than for medications that would have kept them healthy. It costs approximately $7,300 per year to keep a person on ADAP, but Medi-Cal spends more than $24,000 per year to care for a person with AIDS.

YOU can help save lives! Call Governor Schwarzenegger TODAY to demand full funding for ADAP!

- Call 916-445-2841 or email *governor@governor.ca.gov.* Ask the Governor not to turn his back on people with HIV and AIDS.
- Ask that he fund ADAP at a full $232 million—an increase of $25 million over his January budget proposal; and
- Insist that he retract his proposal to cap ADAP enrollment and create a waiting list for life–prolonging medications.

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