

Community Response to the National ADAP Crisis

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The challenge for advocates

- ✿ Years of inadequate ADAP funding
- ✿ Chronic underfunding and attacks on other HIV/AIDS programs
- ✿ Battles on Medicaid, Medicare, overall budget
- ✿ Similar problems at state and local levels

The Community Response

- ✿ More national coalitions are addressing ADAP
 - ◆ ADAP Working Group
 - ◆ SAVE ADAP
 - ◆ CAEAR Coalition
 - ◆ National AIDS Appropriations Group
- ✿ Medical Providers
 - ◆ AAHIVM letter-writing; White Coat Lobby Day, etc.
- ✿ ADAP a priority for many organizations

SAVE ADAP: Grassroots Advocacy Making A Difference

- ✿ Sign-on letter: nearly 500 organizations endorse emergency supplemental
- ✿ Pill-bottle campaign
- ✿ 2nd SAVE ADAP Lobby Day: Participants met with 128 Members of Congress from 18 states

An Opportunity for Victory

- ✦ Increased media attention and public awareness of ADAP crisis
- ✦ Increased grassroots activity during an election year
- ✦ Senator Daschle authors letter supporting adequate ADAP funding
- ✦ Bipartisan Senate “Dear Colleague” Letter addresses need for emergency supplemental

How You Can Help

- ✦ On Monday morning, call your U.S. Senators about the Bingaman/Durbin/Smith/Snowe “SAVE ADAP” Letter—see Alert
- ✦ Thank those who have signed on (Boxer, Cantwell, Corzine, Daschle, Kennedy, Kerry, Lautenberg, Levin, Murray, Pryor, Schumer, Stabenow, Wyden)
- ✦ Encourage advocates to communicate with elected officials about ADAP funding and emergency supplemental
- ✦ New SAVE ADAP members always welcome: www.atac-usa.org/adap