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Douglas Brooks  
Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Director Brooks:

On behalf of the American Public Health Association, a diverse community of public health professionals who champion the health of all people and communities, I write to thank you for your commitment to achieving an HIV/AIDS-free generation. We would like to offer our support by sharing our recently adopted policy statement, [Strengthening the National HIV/AIDS Strategy to Achieve an HIV/AIDS-Free Generation](#).

Since the earliest days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the United States has invested in programs and research to fight HIV/AIDS. While there has been significant progress and work done, a revised plan that builds on the existing NHAS is required to address the challenges encountered during the first iteration. In order to achieve an HIV/AIDS-free generation, APHA sets forth a series of recommendations based on the most current science that can be used to advance specific policies or provisions as part of a revised strategy. These recommendations range from creating a research agenda based on science to ensuring adequate funding, retaining local jurisdictional autonomy, eliminating disparities, and proposing ways in which the Ryan White program can be strengthened to meet new and ongoing needs. We encourage you to review the policy statement and hope the recommendations are helpful as you work on enhancing the strategy.

Thank you for welcoming the ideas, feedback and recommendations of the community to strengthen the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. We stand ready to work with you to help build a stronger nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georges C. Benjamin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Georges" being the most prominent.

Georges C. Benjamin, MD  
Executive Director