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## **ADAP Advocacy Association Rejects President Obama’s \$25 Million Solution to National Crisis Facing AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs); Proposed Amount is Far Short of Conservative Need Number of \$126 Million**

*President’s Plan is “Day Late, Dollar Short”*

For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 8, 2010) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today rejected President Barack Obama’s proposed \$25 million solution to alleviate the national crisis plaguing the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs).

ADAPs provide life-saving medications under the Ryan White CARE Act to people living with HIV/AIDS nationwide who are uninsured or under-insured. This vital federal-state program faces a \$126 million shortfall for fiscal year 2010, just to keep pace with current demand. That shortfall has fueled waiting lists nationwide topping a record-breaking 2,090 – including Florida (362 people), Hawaii (9 people), Idaho (26 people), Iowa (97 people), Kentucky (189 people), Louisiana (59 people), Montana (21 people), North Carolina (769 people), South Carolina (175 people), South Dakota (22 people) and Utah (112 people). Additional waiting lists are also starting in Georgia and Ohio, and expected in Illinois and New Jersey.

“At a time when we should be celebrating the President’s leadership on the imminent release of the United States’ first-ever National AIDS Strategy, we are increasingly dismayed at the disconnect coming from the White House to address the ADAP crisis,” summarized **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “The plan being floated by the President is a ‘*day late, dollar short*’ and will do little to end the wait; the time has come for the U.S. Congress to act where the President has failed to do so. Peoples’ lives are in danger and we demand better from our elected officials here in Washington, DC.”

Macsata continued, “The \$126 million being requested by the HIV/AIDS community is a conservative number that is based upon factual models, not political posturing. It will do nothing more than alleviate the existing waiting lists, not expand services.”

According to Macsata, ADAPs have fallen victim to partisan politics with the Democrats supporting an FY10 Emergency Supplemental in the amount of \$126 million (which is opposed by Republicans), while the Republicans seeking to transfer \$126 million from discretionary amounts appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 111-5) that remain unobligated, to be used by the Secretary of Health & Human Services in fiscal year 2010 to provide assistance in reducing waiting lists under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (which is opposed by Democrats). Meanwhile, people are waiting!

To learn more about the growing ADAP waiting lists or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at [info@adapadvocacyassociation.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacyassociation.org).

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