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The Honorable Judd Gregg
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gregg:

Thank you for your support of an amendment that increased funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program by \$5 million during the Senate Appropriations Committee's consideration of the Fiscal Year 2006 Department of Housing and Urban Development's budget.

As you know, the need for HOPWA funding is great. In FY 2003, \$282 million was allocated to fund 111 formula jurisdictions. In FY 2006, at least 122 formula jurisdictions will be eligible, and that number could increase. This spring, a bi-partisan group of 33 senators signed a letter to the Appropriations Committee asking for HOPWA to be funded at a level of \$385 million. I have enclosed a detailed needs assessment for HOPWA funds from the National AIDS Housing Coalition.

I would respectfully ask that you keep the need for housing for low-income and homeless persons living with AIDS in mind when the FY 2006 HUD appropriations bill is considered on the Senate floor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-927-0088 x31 or at jcarleo@ahc.org.

Sincerely,

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