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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Recommendation of reduction in federal spending: the \$28.3 HIV/AIDS budget request

Dear Senator Inouye,

We, the listed physicians and patient advocates of our Board of Directors, do respectfully request that you consider major cutbacks in President Obama's \$28.3 billion HIV/AIDS budget request.

The appropriateness of such reduction is made clear by the NIH Director at the NIAID who oversees the \$3 billion HIV budget and America's foremost HIV researcher, Anthony Fauci, MD. He stated (enclosed 14 second video) that their success is "breathtaking" with HIV patients living "normal lives."

In addition, the HIV/AIDS death rate has plummeted. This is evidenced by the 99% decline in deaths in newly infected California HIV patients from just under 10,000 in 1994 to less than 200 now.¹

In addition, we urge that a portion of those spending cuts go to other illnesses that have not had such success as evidenced in the chart below. Please note that our CEO, Dr. Richard Darling, would be honored to come and testify before your committee. His contact information is in the footer below.

We thank you for your consideration.

**Our Government's Bio-Medical Research Allocations
by the National Institutes of Health**

Disease	2012 NIH Research \$\$	Deaths Per Disease	\$\$ Per Patient Death	\$\$ Per Patient
COPD *	120 Million	141,075	851	8
Hepatitis C	102 Million	12,000	8,500	23
Cardiovascular Dis.	2.2 Billion	777,100	2,831	27
Hepatitis B	67 Million	5,000	13,400	54
Diabetes	1 Billion	70,601	14,164	42
Alzheimer's Dis.	458 Million	82,476	5,553	86
Parkinson's Dis.	157 Million	20,507	7,665	157
Prostate Cancer	337 Million	28,517	11,817	177
HIV/AIDS	3.2 Billion	10,295	310,830	3,047
Breast Cancer	778 Million	41,049	18,952	3,721
All Cancers Total	6 Billion	566,137	10,598	4,901
West Nile Virus	46 Million	45	1,022,222	46,890

¹ <http://www.fairfoundation.org/quiz/quiz.htm>

Click the DVD to listen to Dr. Fauci

NIAID Director Dr. Fauci 14 sec.

**Over 1/3rd of a Trillion Taxpayer
dollars, have been spent on
HIV/AIDS since its inception.**

http://www.fairfoundation.org/total_HIV_funding.htm

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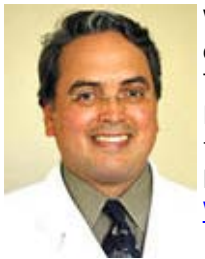
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Dallas, Texas An uplifting profile of Dr. Berry by the Dallas

Morning News [here](#); [Web CV](#)



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Art Curley, Attorney-at-Law; President, Bradley Curley Asiano Barrabee & Crawford, PC. As a trial attorney Mr. Curley has been defending physicians and dentists for almost 30 years. He has given risk management courses that include education on the special legal status that AIDS has been granted and its attendant obligations on professionals.

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[Audio](#) by Mr. Curley on HIV/AIDS favoritism in the legal system



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Ray Hill, Patient Advocate: HIV/AIDS & HCV; AIDS activist labeled "Citizen Provocateur" by United States Supreme Court Justice William Brennan (U.S. Supreme Court—Houston v. Hill, 482 U.S. 451); American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Lifetime Achievement Award for



advancing the rights of gay, lesbian and transgender citizens, voted "gay hero" seven years in a row by the gay community of Houston, Texas. [Houston Chronicle Article](#) **Ray Hill's - The Prison Show** has been broadcast on Houston's Pacifica radio station KPFT 90.1 FM weekly since March, 1980.



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Jacqueline Marcell, B.S., Advocate for Alzheimer's, Eldercare Awareness and Reform. Jacqueline is a former television executive who barely survived caring for her once-adoring challenging elderly father and sweet ailing mother, both with undiagnosed Alzheimer's. Compelled to save others from committing elder abuse resulted in her bestselling book [ELDER RAGE](#), launching [COPING WITH CAREGIVING](#) radio show and becoming an [INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER](#) (CEU/CMEs). Jacqueline's mission is to impart knowledge on issues that unnecessarily cost a year of her life, her parents' life savings and much of her own, and then nearly her life when diagnosed with breast cancer.



[Melba R. Moore](#), MS, Commissioner of Health, St. Louis City Department of Health, St. Louis, Missouri; Member, Webster University's Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, St. Louis Connect Care, and the Regional Health Commission; John F. Kennedy School of Government for State and Local Executives; 20 years experience in the public sector, management and executive leadership.



Leonard J. Morse, MD; Commissioner of Public Health, Worcester, Massachusetts; Member, Board of Directors: Worcester AIDS Project Workshop; Professor of Clinical Medicine and Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School; Chair Emeritus, American Medical Association's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs; Past-President of the Massachusetts Medical Society; Recipient: AMA's "Pride in the Profession" award for exemplary work in underserved areas and exceptional volunteerism.
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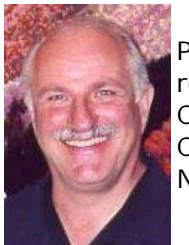
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Deborah Sutton is the Chief Executive Officer for the Riverside chapter of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit whose volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children to insure these children don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Last year, more than 70,900 CASA and guardian ad litem (GAL) volunteers helped 237,000 abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes. CASA volunteers are everyday citizens who have undergone screening/ training with their local CASA/GAL program. Riverside, CA

Cathy Teal is the FAIR Foundation's Director of Communications and Public Outreach. She has over twenty-five years of experience



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If you are a patient who would like a referral to one of our physicians, please phone Dr. Darling at 760-200-2766 and he will facilitate the referral and provide contact information.