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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of HIV-positive consumers, HIV stakeholders and clinical professionals, we, the local chapter of the Community Advisory Board for the nationwide Medical Monitoring Project here in Houston would like to appeal for your understanding and your support. We are aware that members of the project staff - working out of the City Health Department – have approached you and/or members of your staff previously, if you are currently collaborating with us, we say thank you. However, if you have not been approached or you are still in the process of deciding to participate, carefully consider the following points and give further consideration to participating.

- *We desperately need meaningful, detailed and statistically valid information describing the current status of HIV infection and treatment if we are to better address treatment and prevention.*
- *This is a nationwide CDC sponsored project that can have tremendous impact if we all collaborate.*
- *Providers are selected through a randomization process. If you do not participate we will simply miss a significant segment of both the patient and provider population. Because of the scientific randomization process, another provider cannot be substituted for you.*
- *ALL information is safeguarded and completely confidential to the highest standards set by the CDC. ALL patient participation is completely voluntary and equally confidential and protected.*
- *In the size category that you represent, only a very small number of your patients (probably as few as three to no more than ten) will be selected – again through random selection – to be asked to participate in the interviews.*
- *Our staff are committed to making this as easy as possible for you and your staff, minimizing the time investment on your part. We are providing reimbursement to help recognize your contributions and your cooperation.*

In 26 other sites nationwide, 98% of selected providers are agreeing to participate. Please help us make sure Houston is fully represented as well. On behalf of your patients, we are counting on your participation in order to provide them the opportunity to be a part of advancing knowledge, treatment and prevention of HIV.

The attached letter details more of the specifics of the project and lists the professional organizations, and their respective representatives that believe this project is critical. Our staff is available to answer any further questions.

Finally, we hope that our community can continue to rely on your cooperation, as it has for many years.

Sincerely,

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*CAB Chairperson*