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AIDS ACTION

December 29, 2004

Dear Colleagues:

As part of our continued outreach efforts, AIDS Action's Executive Director, Marsha Martin, signed on to be a member of the host committee for a non-partisan dinner on January 20. The dinner will honor four individuals, two of whom AIDS Action and the broader AIDS community work with closely: Dr. Joe O'Neill, Deputy AIDS Coordinator, U.S. State Department and Carol Thompson, Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. We regret that the e-mail invitation to the event did not maintain the spirit of non-partisanship under which AIDS Action had agreed to participate. Therefore AIDS Action is withdrawing its participation from this event.

In our work with the current Administration and Congress, and in spite of our differences with them from time to time, AIDS Action is proud of its collaborative advocacy approach. We believe this approach best serves the needs of those communities and individuals impacted by HIV/AIDS at this time.

Sincerely,

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