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## **CAEAR Coalition Mourns the Death of Randy Allgaier: A True Champion for People Living with HIV/AIDS**

November 29, 2010 (Washington, DC)—The CAEAR Coalition community celebrates the life and mourns the passing of our colleague and leader Randy Allgaier who died on November 27 in San Francisco. A longtime advocate for people living with HIV and LGBT equality, he was a member of CAEAR Coalition for the past seven years and served on our Board of Directors as the Chair of the People Living with HIV/AIDS Caucus since 2008. At the time of his death, he was Director of the San Francisco HIV Health Services Planning Council, of which he had previously served as Co-chair.

We are thankful for his commitment to people living with AIDS by working to ensure access to quality medical care and treatment for all. We honor his passion, his sense of justice, his humor, and his work ethic.

Earlier in his career, he was the state advocate for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, where he took a leading role in building a statewide coalition that successfully advocated for significant increases for California's AIDS Drug Assistance Program. He was also very active in the areas of HIV and Medicare/Medicaid and served on the Board of Directors of National Positive Working Coalition. As an animal lover, one of his proudest achievements was his service as President of the Board of Pets are Wonderful Support (PAWS) in San Francisco. He was also a founder of the state-wide LGBT advocacy organization Equality California and served on the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign. To all of these endeavors he brought his signature passion, creativity, and diligence to the work at hand.

Randy will be fondly remembered and deeply missed. We send our love and prayers to his husband Lee Hawn and the rest of his family.

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The Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition is a national membership organization which advocates for federal appropriations, legislation, policy and regulations to meet the care, treatment, support service and prevention needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them. More information at [www.caeear.org](http://www.caeear.org).