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Bush Administration's Release of Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Principles Marks Important Milestone in Reauthorization Process

CAEAR Coalition Reiterates Importance of CARE Act in Serving People with HIV/AIDS in Greatest Need; Prepared to Analyze Details of Principles When Available and Work Towards Consensus Legislation

Following Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt's release of his "Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Principles," CAEAR Coalition commended President Bush's attention to the growing domestic HIV/AIDS crisis and urged all stakeholders to work together to reauthorize the CARE Act by the September 30th statutory deadline.

"With just 66 days to go until the current reauthorization expires, Secretary Levitt's release of reauthorization principles is an important step in moving this process forward," said Pat Bass, CAEAR Coalition Chair. "We remain committed to working with our partners in the Administration, in Congress and in the community to assure a swift CARE Act reauthorization that meets the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS."

CAEAR Coalition's Policy Recommendations for Reauthorization and its *One Million Living with HIV/AIDS At Home Demands Strong National Commitment* Reauthorization Fact Sheet are available at: <http://www.caeat.org/coalition/>

CAEAR Coalition is a national grassroots organization advocating on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS who rely on Title I, Title III and the Title II AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) of the Ryan White CARE Act for primary health care and support services. The CARE Act is the nation's largest discretionary program for people living with HIV/AIDS and supports direct service programs in medically underserved communities in urban and rural communities across the U.S.