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Dear Dr. Dilley:

It has come to my attention that the AIDS Health Project and Adair & Armstrong have begun a collaboration on a new film project, "Absolutely Positive." I write to commend you on this effort.

As you know, as many as 1.4 million Americans are infected with the AIDS virus and are in urgent need of our national attention. Last year, I was successful in passing an amendment establishing research projects on model treatment protocols for early intervention for people infected with HIV. Clearly, attention must be focused on this group if lives are to be saved.

The broadcast of your film will enable us to reach out to people who are living in quiet desperation and isolation. The film will help to spread the word that there are early treatments available which can save lives. At the federal, state and local level, we must work to develop the programs and protections that will enable people with HIV infection incentives to seek the treatment they desperately need and deserve.

San Francisco's worldwide reputation for leadership in responding to the AIDS crisis is due in no small part to the contributions of the AIDS Health Project. Likewise, Peter Adair's trailblazing work in documentary filmmaking has brought a unique perspective to the human experience of the epidemic. Your collaboration on this project brings us hope.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi
Member of Congress

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