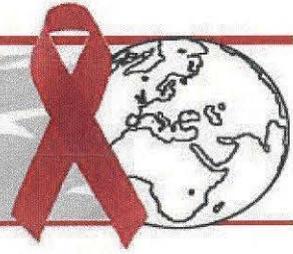

Presidential Advisory Council on **HIV/AIDS**



May 27, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Burwell
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Madame Secretary:

Thank you for your continued support and leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS. I am writing to let you know about a historic resolution that the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) passed on May 21, 2015 during our 56th Full Council Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The resolution was historic as it was passed at joint session of PACHA with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) / Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment. This was the first time these two advisory committees have had a joint meeting.

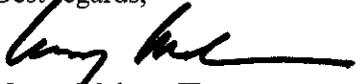
At this joint session, both federal advisory committees unanimously passed the following resolution:

"We respectfully request the elimination of the current U.S. law which prohibits federal funding for the support of access to sterile injection equipment as a necessary component of a comprehensive program to prevent HIV, Hepatitis C and other blood borne illnesses in people who inject drugs. As a step toward that change in the law, we further request that Congress immediately convene a bi-partisan hearing on this critical public health issue which has so gravely affected our cities, and more recently our suburban and rural communities, throughout the nation."

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this resolution. We take very seriously our roles as members of PACHA and truly believe, with your continued support and leadership, we are one step closer to an AIDS-free generation. We are, as I am sure you are, deeply concerned about the increase in HIV infections in Indiana and so many places related to IV drug use. Please let me know if I can answer any questions. I will follow-up with Anne Reid in your

office to see how PACHA might assist in ensuring the changes requested in resolution are fully and quickly realized.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Mahon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Mahon, JD
Chair

Enclosure

CC: Anne Reid, Karen DeSalvo, and Ron Valdiserri