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The Honorable Michael B. Enzi
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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Committee
835 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Ranking Member
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
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The Honorable Joe Barton
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John D. Dingell
Ranking Member
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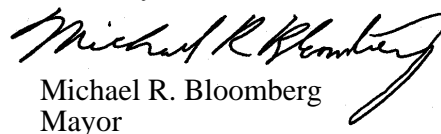
Dear Chairmen Enzi and Barton and Ranking Members Kennedy and Dingell:

The projected losses resulting from the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 would destabilize the HIV treatment and care infrastructure that New York City and New York State have developed together over the past two decades, and would have a devastating impact on persons living with HIV disease in New York.

New York City has the oldest, the largest, and the most complex HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States. New York City accounts for one of every six reported AIDS cases in the United States, and each year reports more AIDS cases than Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, and Washington, D.C. combined. Based on conservative fiscal estimates using Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports, New York City stands to lose more than \$17.8 million in 2007. Moreover, New York State projects, based on GAO estimates, they will lose \$78 million over the next four years under this legislation. Our residents with HIV disease who depend on our comprehensive system of care will bear the brunt of deep cuts in covered drugs and the elimination of essential health care and support services.

New York City opposes the current House draft of the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006. I look forward to working with you to fix these life-threatening cuts in funding to New York City, New York State, and the other New York Eligible Metropolitan Areas.

Sincerely,


Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

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cc: The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The Honorable Vito Fossella
The Honorable Edolphus Towns
The Honorable Eliot Engel