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ADAP Advocacy Applauds Introduction of the 340B ACCESS Act

Leading National HIV Advocacy Organization Calling for 340B Reform Issues Statement

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ADAP Advocacy today enthusiastically endorsed the 340B ACCESS Act ("340B Affording Care for Communities & Ensuring a Strong Safety-net Act"), introduced by Representatives Larry Bucshon (IN-8), Earl L. "Buddy" Carter (GA-01), and Diana Harshbarger (TN-01). The growing chorus of patients, advocacy organizations, small healthcare clinics, drug manufacturers, news media editorial boards, healthcare economists, researchers and academics calling for reform to this vital safety net program has finally come full circle with the introduction of this comprehensive health reform legislation.

The 340B ACCESS Act changes the 'provider over patient' paradigm that characterizes the modern day 340B Drug Pricing Program by requiring 340B rebates to directly benefit patients through lower out-of-pocket costs. It modernizes 340B for contract pharmacy arrangements to keep 340B rebates in disadvantaged communities rather than being diverted to affluent areas. Furthermore, it ensures 340B benefits true safety-net providers through stronger eligibility requirements instead of flooding big hospital systems and mega service providers with bundles of unrestricted revenue, while also protecting the program from abuse by middlemen.

In the coming weeks, ADAP Advocacy will release a report serving as an indictment on the big hospital systems and mega service providers cashing in on the 340B Program to fund exuberant pay increases for their CEOs. This is the very abuse that patients struggling to pay for their medical care...saddled with medical debt...find appalling. These patients are left asking, "340B: What about me?"

To learn more about ADAP Advocacy, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or the 340B Drug Pricing Program, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About ADAP Advocacy: ADAP Advocacy's mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. ADAP Advocacy works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies, and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.