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Dear Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition (NSPWAC) to express great disappointment and concern regarding comments made at a recent joint board meeting.

During discussions at the July 20th meeting attended by board members of both the Coalition and AIDS Nova Scotia, remarks of a disparaging nature were made about the work of the Black Outreach Project. Of particular concern were those comments decrying the value of the Project's community needs assessment report. While our two organizations have enjoyed increased cooperation and collaboration subsequent to moving into shared office space, the remarks call into question the degree to which board members of AIDS Nova Scotia understand and appreciated the issues and challenges faced by Nova Scotia's Black communities in response to HIV and AIDS, and as reflected in the work of the Black Outreach Project.

The Coalition would invite the board members of AIDS Nova Scotia to learn more about the work of the Black Outreach Project and the communities to which it reaches out. In this way, AIDS Nova Scotia will be contributing to building bridges rather than barriers between communities all engaged in the same struggle - the struggle against HIV and AIDS.

Sincerely,

  
Wilson Hodder  
Chairperson, NSPWAC

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A Member of the Canadian AIDS Society  
