



RENEW THE NATIONAL AIDS STRATEGY

For the last ten years the National AIDS Strategy has been the Federal government's plan to fight AIDS in Canada.

This strategy has provided money for research to end the epidemic. It has financed care for the infected. It has promoted prevention education to slow the spread of HIV.

Thanks to the Strategy, AIDS service organizations have been successful in their education work to prevent infection. Canadians with AIDS are living longer and healthier lives. Canada has made important contributions to research.

But now all this is about to end.

The federal government is killing the strategy. Dedicated AIDS research funding has already run out. AIDS service organizations are in jeopardy. We cannot allow Prime Minister Chretien and his Liberals to bury their heads in the sand and hope this epidemic will go away. We cannot allow them to abandon the 45,000 Canadians living with HIV. We cannot allow them to risk the lives and health of Canadians to future HIV infections. We cannot allow research efforts to collapse.

In 1994 Chretien signed the International Declaration on AIDS in Paris. He pledged he would make AIDS a priority. It's time to make him live up to his promise.

As the International Conference on AIDS takes place in Vancouver in July the eyes of the world will be on Canada. Phone your local MP and demand the National AIDS Strategy be renewed. (call 1-800-667-3355 to get your MP's number) Write the Prime Minister and tell him he has a commitment to keep.

Let the Government know Canadians still care about AIDS.