



JOHN MCCAIN STATEMENT ON FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

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ARLINGTON, VA -- The McCain-Palin campaign today released the following statement from John McCain addressing the fight against HIV/AIDS:

"The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced that in 2006 there were 56,300 new HIV infections in United States -- significantly higher than the previous estimate of 40,000 cases. More than a million Americans live with this devastating disease.

"As President, I will work closely with non-profit, government, and private sector stakeholders to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS. By focusing efforts on reducing drug costs through greater market competition, promoting prevention efforts, encouraging testing, targeting communities with high infection rates, strengthening research and reducing disparities through effective public outreach, we can make great progress in fighting HIV/AIDS.

"And for all of you here at the United States Conference on AIDS, I have to say thank you. Thank you for your dedication to finding a cure and for your compassion for those and their families suffering from this disease. With our collective efforts, we as a nation will win this fight.

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