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Dear Mayor Nutter,

The undersigned organizations and individuals urge you to find the means to support and fund the Critical Path Project.

For over 15 years, the Critical Path Project has been a major force in the Greater Philadelphia metropolitan region and worldwide in bridging the digital divide, offering free dial up Internet access and email accounts with no ads and no restrictions to over 10,000, mostly low-income families, as well as offering email, website hosting, and electronic mailing list hosting to local non-profit organizations, DHS family centers, and affinity groups throughout the nation.

We are currently the Internet backbone for the majority of HIV and LGBTQ organizations in Philadelphia, and thousands of members of these communities utilize our free services. This is particularly important for those who cannot afford high speed connections at home.

For the past six years, Critical Path has had a contract from DHS to provide Internet connectivity and host webpages for the Family Support Centers in the public schools. In addition to these functions, which Critical Path has always fulfilled, the contract has become part of the funding infrastructure that supports the Critical Path enterprise. This fiscal year, the contract was extended for two months, and is now due to end on August 31. While we recognize that DHS may have other funding needs at this time, we want to call to your attention the fact that this will be a devastating loss for Critical Path, and could result in our having to close down the entire network.

If we are forced to close it, the loss of Critical Path will resonate throughout Philadelphia.

- Over 10,000 people in the greater Philadelphia Metro region, mostly low-income, would lose their Internet access from Critical Path, many of whom may not have the skills or knowledge to know how to get access any other way at this time.
- Thousands of people would lose access to their email accounts and the data saved in their inboxes and folders, including staff at organizations many of which receive funds from the City of Philadelphia, such as GALAEI, ASIAC, BEBASHI, The AIDS Law Project, Philadelphia FIGHT, and nearly 25 more.
- Over 100 electronic Mailing lists, with thousands of local subscribers, many of which are key ways in which the non-profit community, educators, HIV researchers, and low-income Philadelphians discuss topics of importance to them and spread and receive information, will be shut down and forced to find another way to manage their lists.
- Nearly 75 websites, the majority of which are non-profits funded by the city of Philadelphia, such as CHOICE, COLOURS, Asian Americans United, and many more, will be shut down and forced find money in their budgets to pay for hosting and rapidly find an alternative solution. Shutting down these websites, for even a short time means that those in the community, will not have access life-saving information.

A list of the organizations that currently utilize critical path is attached.

We urge you to find the means to refund the Critical Path Project and by doing so put digital inclusion at the top of your agenda. In order to more fully describe the Critical Path system and the important role it plays, we are requesting a meeting with you, along with a

small representation of the organizations and individuals represented below. We will contact your office for your response.

We thank you for your action and leadership.

Sincerely,

The Critical Path Project
Philadelphia FIGHT
The AIDS Library
Youth Health Empowerment Project

- 1 08 Stop AIDS Campaign
- 2 Aamina Morrison, Prevention Point – TIP
- 3 ACT UP Philadelphia
- 4 ActionAIDS
- 5 Ada Wilson, Executive Director, Ubquity Social Services
- 6 Adam Gilden Tsai, MD
- 7 Adrian Lowe, Prevention Point – TIP
- 8 AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- 9 AIDS Treatment News
- 10 Alicia Rivera
- 11 Allen (Zak)Zaklad, Ph.D, Diversity Support Group
- 12 Altamese C. Neal, Counseling & Rapid Testing Spec. Germantown Settlement
- 13 Andrea Lamour
- 14 Andrew Jackson
Ann Lefert, Associate Director, Government Relations, National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
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- 16 Asian Americans United
Barbara A. Gallagher, RN, Clinical Research Site Manager, Jefferson Clinical Trials Group
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- 18 BEBASHI
- 19 Best Nest
- 20 Bill Arnold, Title II Community AIDS National Network
- 21 Bill Remak, Chairman, National Association of Hepatitis Task Forces
- 22 Black Gay Men's Leadership Council
- 23 California Hepatitis C Task Force
- 24 Carmen Altopiedi
- 25 CHAIN (Community HIV/Hepatitis Advocates of Iowa Network)
- 26 Charlene Moore
- 27 Charlotte Elsner
- 28 Chicago Task Force on LGBT Substance Use and Abuse
- 29 Chicago Women and Girls HIV Prevention Coalition
- 30 CHOICE
- 31 Chris Bartlett
- 32 Christine M. Schwarz, President, Wissahickon Neighbors Civic Association
- 33 Clare L. Martin
- 34 COLOURS
- 35 Cristian Morales, GALAEI

36 Danielle Boyer-Graves
37 David Powell
38 David W. Webber, Attorney; AIDSandtheLaw.com
39 Dawna Edwards
40 Delaware Valley Legacy Fund
41 Dennis Hill, GALAEI
42 Derrick Scott, North East Treatment Centers
43 Dr. Jen Cohn, MD
44 Dr. Marné Castillo, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
45 Ellen Tedaldi, MD, Director Temple HIV Program
46 Erica Foltz
47 Erika Thorne
48 Family and Community Service of Delaware County
49 Family Service Association of Bucks County
50 Father Paul Washington Committee
51 Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research (FIAR), Brooklyn, NY
52 Frank Bartell
53 GALAEI
54 Gary Rose, Title II Community AIDS National Network
55 Germantown Settlement's Care Outreach Program
56 Hal Hersh
57 Health GAP
58 Hep C Advocate Network, Inc. (HEPCAN)
59 Hepatitis Education Project
60 Heshie Zinman
61 Hillary Aisenstein, PHENND
62 Iden Rosenthal
63 Institute of Social Medicine and Community Health
64 International Rectal Microbicide Advocates
65 Jamil Branch, GALAEI
66 Jessica Rodriguez, ACT UP Philadelphia
67 Jester Foster
68 John Barbieri, ACT UP Philadelphia
69 John Cunningham, Delaware Valley Legacy Fund
70 John James, AIDS Treatment News
71 John Parker
72 Jon Rose
73 Jose De Marco, ACT UP Philadelphia, Proyecto Sol
74 Joseph Garcia, GALAEI
75 Judith Peters
76 JUNTOS & La Casa de los Soles
Kate Kozeniewski, LSW, Case Management Coordinator
77 ,Action AIDS
78 Kate Krauss, Director, The AIDS Policy Project
79 Kathleen Wolff, CRNP; Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
80 Kathy Salerno, The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center
81 Kathy Shimizu, AAU

- 82 Kaytee Riek, Health GAP
- 83 Kelly O'Dell, Hepccanada
- 84 Kevin Hardy, Philadelphia Black Gay Mens Leadership Council
- 85 Khyre Crawford, GALAEI
- 86 Kim Dorsey
- 87 Kimberly Youchak, LMSW
- 88 L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center
Leonard Levin, MS, MBA, RM(AAM), M(ASCP), Administrative Director of Laboratory Services, Capital
- 89 *Health System*
- 90 Linda Samost
- 91 Lizzy Schmidt, MSN,CRNP
- 92 Lonnie Grant, GALAEI
- 93 Luis Salas, GALAEI
- 94 MANNA
- 95 Marqui Bailey, GALAEI
- 96 Matt Hamilton, L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center
- 97 Matt Ruben, Northern Liberties Neighbors Association
- 98 Media Mobilizing Project
- 99 Medicaid Matters NY
- 100 Michael Marlowe
- 101 Michael Melvin, GALAEI
- 102 Michael Ninburg, Hepatitis Education Project
Michael S. Hinson, Jr., Interim Executive Director, The COLOURS Organization, Inc.
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- 104 Midwest AIDS Advocates
- 105 Midwest AIDS Policy Alliance
- 106 Moushumi Paul
- 107 Nancy Reyes
- 108 National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
- 109 National Association of Hepatitis Task Forces
- 110 New York Buyers' Club (NYBC), New York, NY
- 111 Nonprofit Technology Solutions (NTR)
- 112 Norman Medina, GALAEI
- 113 NYC AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN)
- 114 Pascal Emmer, GALAEI
- 115 Paul Davis, Health GAP
- 116 Paul Yabor
- 117 Philadelphia Community Access Coalition
- 118 Philadelphia Student Union
- 119 Prevention Point Philadelphia
- 120 Project CRYSP
- 121 Project SAFE
- 122 Prometheus Radio
- 123 Proyecto Sol
- 124 Randy Allgaier, Co-Chair PLWHA Caucus, CAEAR Coalition
- 125 Rev. Jeff Haskins, Unity Fellowship Church
- 126 Richard Laboy, GALAEI

127 Richard Rutherford
128 Rick Feely, Prevention Point – TIP
129 Robb Reichard, The AIDS Fund
130 Robert Levesque
131 Robin Bonfield, MSW, Prevention Point Philadelphia
132 Robin D.English
133 Roger Vandragt
134 Roshonda Scipio
135 Ruth E. Taylor, Carson Valley Childrens Aid Society
136 Safeguards
137 Samantha Martinez, GALAEI
138 Samantha Sitrin
139 Sathia Krishnamoorthy
140 Scribe Video
141 Sean Barry, NYCAHN
142 Sexual Health Xchange
143 *Sharon Phillips, President, Hep C Advocate Network, Inc. (HEPCAN)*
144 Sheila Colson, GALAEI
145 Susan Shull
146 Tania Carney, GALAEI
147 Terri Clark, MPH, Action AIDS
148 Terry Trudeau
149 The AIDS Coalition of Southern New Jersey
150 The AIDS Fund
151 The AIDS Institute, Washington DC
152 The AIDS Policy Project
153 The Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND)
154 The Tribe of Life
155 The Womyn's Village
156 Title II Community AIDS National Network
157 Tonya Terry
158 Tonya Wenger - activist and critpath user
159 Trans-Health Information Project (TIP)
160 Treatment Action Group, NY
161 Troy McCall, GALAEI
162 TURN (Tenant Union Representative Network)
163 Tyqui Reese, GALAEI
164 Tyreef King, GALAEI
165 Unified Taxi Workers Alliance
167 Unity Fellowship Church
168 Val Sowell
169 Wendy Harper
170 Wissahickon Neighbors Civic Association
171 Yexsy Alicea, GALAEI
172 Michael Palumbo
173 Dr. Karam Mounzer, MD, Philadelphia FIGHT
174 Global Campaign for Microbicides

- 175 Anna Forbes, MSS, Washington DC
- 176 Ron Norwood, The Herb Nook
- 177 Paramita Kundu, Global Campaign for Microbicides, India