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AIDS & R.N.s—Where Are We Going?

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500



Dear President Clinton,

Along with other registered nurses, I am growing increasingly alarmed at the degree to which nurses are not being adequately protected — particularly in the clinical setting — from people who carry the HIV virus or have AIDS. There is now persuasive evidence that “universal precautions” are not adequate.

We urge you to put the full force of your office into insuring that: (1) HIV becomes a reportable disease, in keeping with sound preventive and treatment policies; (2) definitive studies about the potential of HIV to be spread by aerosol are completed and publicized; (3) operating rooms equipped with special air filters or O.R. nurses be provided with special face shields and other impenetrable protection; (4) premarital, prenatal and neonatal testing be mandatory; (5) routine testing of all patients and healthcare workers be mandatory.

I am concerned that the rights of nurses are being abrogated in the name of “political correctness” and call upon you to respect the health and lives of America’s frontline healthcare workers, the 2.4 million registered nurses in the United States.

Sincerely,

President Clinton – What Are You Doing?

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