



CAEAR Coalition Statement The Honorable Henry Waxman

At the beginning of the AIDS epidemic Congressman Henry Waxman was already an established congressional leader in health policy. The first reported cases of the newly identified syndrome were reported by MMWR in his Los Angeles district, so he was thrust to the center of a crisis that would require comprehensive emergency federal response. Congressman Waxman led the fight to secure the resources and establish the laws that respond to HIV/AIDS some 33 years later. As advocates for Ryan White, CAEAR Coalition members see the Congressman as one of our legendary champions, and we thank him for his amazing federal leadership in creating the CARE Act, bolstering HIV research at the NIH, and prevention interventions at the CDC.

CAEAR Coalition salutes Henry Waxman for his 40 years of service and the legacy of extraordinary contribution to saving countless lives of people living with HIV and at risk for HIV.

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Ernest Hopkins
Chair, CAEAR Coalition

CAEAR Coalition

The Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition is a national membership organization which advocates for federal policy, legislation, regulations, and appropriations to meet the care, treatment, support and prevention needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them, focusing on health care reform and the evolving role of the Ryan White Program. CAEAR Coalition's proactive national leadership is focused on the Ryan White Program as a central part of the nation's response to HIV/AIDS. CAEAR Coalition's members include Ryan White Program Part A, Part B, and Part C consumers, grantees, and providers as well as the Part F AIDS Education and Training Centers.