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Ryan White ACTION Campaign Spokesperson Biographies

Jeanne White-Ginder, mother of the late Ryan White, is a nationally-recognized advocate on AIDS. In 1984, her son Ryan White—a hemophiliac—was diagnosed with AIDS. His crusade to remain in school captured the nation's attention and forever changed our view of AIDS and those living with it. Jeanne and Ryan eventually went to court to fight for Ryan's right to attend school. While they won their initial battle, threats from the townspeople, including a bullet shot through the Whites' window, forced them to move. In his new hometown, Ryan went to school, became an honor roll student, earned a driver's license, and continued to speak out even while his health was rapidly deteriorating. On Sunday, April 8, 1990, five and-a-half years after he was diagnosed with AIDS, Ryan White died. Jeanne and family friend Elton John were by his side. In the ensuing weeks, Jeanne received over 60,000 pieces of mail. She soon realized she needed to continue Ryan's legacy of education and compassion. She published Ryan's book, written by him for other children, and appeared at many AIDS fundraisers and benefits. In May of 1990, she came to Capitol Hill to lobby for the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Act (CARE), a bill that called for federal funding of AIDS education, research, and emergency medical care. She served as the Founder and President of The Ryan White Foundation, a non-profit organization that educated teens and adolescents on the personal, family, and community issues related to HIV/AIDS and is a board member of The AIDS Institute. Her most recent book, *Weeding Out The Tears: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss, and Renewal*, was published in 1997.

Dr. David Satcher was the 16th Surgeon General of the United States. He was sworn in on February 13, 1998, and served a 4-year term. Dr. Satcher served simultaneously in the positions of Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health from February 1998 through January 2001. He also held the posts of Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry from 1993 to 1998. Upon his departure from the post of Surgeon General, Dr. Satcher became a fellow at The Kaiser Family Foundation. In the fall of 2002, he assumed the post of director of the [National Center for Primary Care](#) at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Before joining the Administration, he was President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1982 to 1993. Dr. Satcher served as professor and Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and Family Practice at Morehouse School of Medicine from 1979 to 1982. He is a former faculty member of the UCLA School of Medicine and Public Health and the King-Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he developed and chaired the King-Drew Department of



Family Medicine. From 1977 to 1979, he served as the Interim Dean of the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School, during which time, he negotiated the agreement with UCLA School of Medicine and the Board of Regents that led to a medical education program at King-Drew. He also directed the King-Drew Sickle Cell Research Center for six years.

Dr. Satcher is a former Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and Macy Faculty Fellow. He is the recipient of many honorary degrees and numerous distinguished honors, including top awards from the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and *Ebony* magazine. In 1995, he received the Breslow Award in Public Health and in 1997 the New York Academy of Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award. Earlier this year, he received the Bennie Mays Trailblazer Award and the Jimmy and Roslyn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. Dr. Satcher graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1963 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University in 1970 with election to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He did residency/fellowship training at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, UCLA, and King-Drew. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Preventive Medicine, and the American College of Physicians. He is currently serving as Interim President of Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. A. Gene Copello, Executive Director, The AIDS Institute, has more than 20 years of HIV/AIDS program and public policy experience. Founded as Florida AIDS Action in 1992, The AIDS Institute is a national public policy research and advocacy organization with offices in Tampa, Tallahassee, Miami, and Washington, DC. The agency is affiliated with the University of South Florida College of Medicine, where Dr. Copello also serves as an Assistant Professor and Director of the Center for Public Policy Research and Medical Ethics. Previously, Dr. Copello served as Chief of HIV Services for the City of San Francisco and also spent six years as Executive Director of the San Mateo County AIDS Program in California. He began his career in HIV/AIDS as a faculty member at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he also directed the Vanderbilt AIDS Project. He has served on a wide array of boards of directors, local and national in scope including AIDS Action Council and the California Conference of Local AIDS Directors, among others. He currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, Co-Chair of the Southern AIDS Coalition, Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee of the National ADAP Working Group, and as a member of the Government Affairs Committee of AIDS Alliance. Dr. Copello has received several professional and community awards over the past two decades. He is published in the HIV/AIDS field and is a frequent invited speaker on HIV/AIDS topics. Dr. Copello received his doctoral degree in public policy and medical ethics from Vanderbilt University. He also holds a master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University in social ethics and a Master of Science degree in social work from the University of Tennessee.

Howard Grossman, Executive Director of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, represents a professional association of 2100 front-line HIV providers, based in Washington, DC. Dr. Grossman is a board-certified internist, who had a private practice in Manhattan from 1988 to 2005. His work with people affected by HIV led him to become one of the plaintiffs in the landmark suit *Vacco v. Quill, et al.*, which sought to overturn laws preventing terminally-ill patients from obtaining their physicians' help to end their own lives. The case was decided in 1997, with the Supreme Court finding no constitutional guarantee of the "right to die," but leaving the door open for states to experiment with various options. Dr. Grossman earned a B.A. in political science at Haverford College and studied medicine at SUNY Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn. Dr. Grossman worked at St. Clare's Hospital, at the first dedicated AIDS unit in the country and entered private practice in 1987. Dr. Grossman is Associate Attending Physician at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in Manhattan and is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Grossman has written articles for many publications and for *The Body.com*. He has served as medical editor for columns in *HX*, *POZ*, GMHC's *Treatment Issues*, AMFAR's treatment newsletter among others. Dr. Grossman has worked with government panels at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration and is the medical advisor for the patient-oriented website www.aidsmeds.com. He has been involved with multiple community-based organizations, he is the Board chair for the New York State Chapter of the American Academy of HIV Medicine and serves as chairman of the Public Policy Committee and Chairman of the Ethics Committee.

Christine Lubinski, Executive Director, HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA) of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), a professional organization that represents more than 2,800 HIV physicians. Christine Lubinski has more than 20 years of federal policy analysis and advocacy experience in Washington, D.C. Her primary focus has been health policy. Prior to joining IDSA in 1998, Christine Lubinski served as the deputy executive director for programs at AIDS Action Council, a national AIDS advocacy group, for more than 5 years. She was the lead policy spokesperson for AIDS Action and led federal advocacy, community outreach, and media advocacy programs. Ms. Lubinski's policy work is grounded in years of community activism. Before joining AIDS Action, she served from 1983-1993 as director for public policy at the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence focusing mainly on health care access and discrimination facing people living with a stigmatizing illness. She has also served as a service provider, directing programs for abused women and their children and homeless women.

Julie Scofield, Executive Director of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), joined the organization in February 1993. Under Ms. Scofield's leadership, NASTAD has grown from a staff of one, to a highly respected national HIV/AIDS organization of 25 FTEs and major programs in the areas of HIV prevention, care and treatment, viral hepatitis, government relations, and global

HIV/AIDS technical assistance. Prior to opening NASTAD's national office, Ms. Scofield served as legislative assistant in the Washington, D.C. office of former New York State Governor Mario M. Cuomo. Ms. Scofield represented Governor Cuomo on HIV/AIDS and science and technology policy and funding issues before Congress and the Administration from 1987 to 1993. Ms. Scofield served on the legislative staff of former U.S. Representative Stan Lundine (D-NY) from 1981 to 1987.