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Dear Friends,

In Brooklyn, it is a time-honored tradition to recognize those organizations that promote community health and well-being through the provision of resources, aggressive outreach and education. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the membership of the NYC Faith in Action for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition, and their supporters as you gather for the Second Annual "Stepping Up in Faith for HIV and AIDS."

The Coalition is a city-wide New York City partnership of individuals, faith organizations, health and secular organizations who all have a common interest in reducing and eliminating HIV and AIDS in New York City. By bringing together a cross-section of resources and skills it is the goal of the Coalition to educate and enlighten the community on their role and responsibility in eradicating this disease, whether it be through knowing their status, seeking treatment, caring for those affected by the disease and how to remain free of it.

The work of the Coalition is essential to the health of our residents. According to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City remains at the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Brooklyn is proud to host the kick-off event that will launch a week-long series of workshops, HIV testing, and education building.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute and commend NYC Faith in Action HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care & Education Coalition for the much needed and exemplary work that you do on behalf of us all. Finally, I thank everyone present for your support of this outstanding partnership which will help to make Brooklyn and beyond better and healthier places to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,



Marty Markowitz

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