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Dear Secretary of State,

AIDS - Back-up and support services to Publicity Campaign

I am writing in support of your allocation of funding to the national publicity campaign against AIDS. We in this institution have also taken the initiative to provide students with all available information in relation to health education in this most serious matter.

Included in our campaign is a decision to make condoms available to purchase within the institution. However, as you will appreciate, our student body of some 5,000 men and women are among those who can least afford to buy this item, but because of their age group, 18+, are in an extremely vulnerable situation.

Therefore we would wish to represent our view held in common with the Family Planning Association, that there is urgent need for availability of free condoms in clinics and from other sources, not only as at present, for contraceptive purposes, but also for protection from the HIV virus.

In our opinion, if the good habit of using condoms is to be acquired it needs to be reinforced by removing all obstacles to the acquisition of the item.

We look forward to hearing your current views and future intentions in this most urgent issue.

Yours sincerely,

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