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John W. Hickenlooper Governor

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Victor Dukay, PhD President, Lundy Foundation 300 W. 11th Ave., 15B Denver, CO 80204

Congratulations to you and your team for the support you are gathering for your tireless efforts to Dear Dr. Dukay: eradicate HIV/AIDS around the globe.

We've watched with admiration during the past two years as you and the international collaboration you helped found, "Test & Treat to End AIDS," have raised awareness, here and abroad, that there is a better way to fight HIV/AIDS. Indeed, a way that can wind down the cycle of infection and illness that has cost so many dollars and lives. Your strategy emphasizes expanded, voluntary testing and the immediate treatment with antiretroviral drugs, of anyone with HIV, vastly reducing the chances that the virus is transmitted to others.

Now, TTEA's "test-and-treat" strategy, also known as "treatment as prevention," has won the endorsement of the U.S. government. In November, Secretary of State Hilary Clinton pledged a total of \$110 million to scale up a larger trial of your approach and other proven HIV/AIDS

Whether reading about your work with Lundy and TTEA in the recently published book The interventions. Humanitarian Leader in Each of Us or hearing you explain the "test-and-treat" strategy on Colorado Public Radio's Colorado Matters program and other media outlets, we are impressed by your dedication and tenacity. You and your team have made what seemed impossible just a few years ago - an AIDS-free generation - seem possible.

Sincerely,

Governor