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## **Candidate Clinton's HIV/AIDS pandering, alarmist comments disgraceful**

**“An apology is owed to all patients with non-AIDS illnesses”**

November 30, 2007 – Dr. Richard Darling, DDS, President of the FAIR Foundation and a past National Public Citizen of the Year (NASW), issues the following statement in response to Hillary Clinton's remarks at Orange County's Saddleback church yesterday in which she stated she would double the HIV/AIDS bio-medical research budget and attempt to spend \$50 billion for global HIV/AIDS if elected President.

“Candidate Clinton's [goals](#) of doubling the HIV/AIDS \$2.9 billion research budget and spending \$50 billion for global AIDS exhibit alarming ignorance of both the progress against HIV/AIDS within the USA and the solutions for the global epidemic.

Presently, our government is spending \$50 on each diabetic and \$30 on each cardiovascular disease (CVD) patient in research versus \$3,052 on each HIV/AIDS [patient](#). CVD kills [871,500](#) compared to [16,316](#) for HIV/AIDS and diabetes kills more than AIDS and breast cancer combined. To aspire to double the HIV/AIDS amount to \$6,104 is despicable and Mrs. Clinton owes all non-AIDS patients an immediate apology with a pledge to triple to overall bio-medical research budget so that ALL suffering patients will benefit, not just those with HIV/AIDS.

In regards to global AIDS, Mrs. Clinton should know that the solutions to global AIDS, as expressed by her husband many times, do not include more bio-medical research, but rather providing the existing drugs (HAART), prevention education, harm-reduction policies and setting up health infrastructures so these remedies are delivered.

Mrs. Clinton's alarmist comments would lead all Saddleback parishioners and Americans to believe they are at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and that she is the savior who will work to eliminate that possibility, but the truth is that 99% of those getting HIV, as evidenced by the [Centers for Disease Control](#), are men having sex with men, IV injection users and heterosexuals having sex with people who have HIV and even those who have contracted the

illness are, on average, living to be well over [sixty years of age](#).” A person not falling into those limited categories has zero risk of contracting HIV.

***Darling is available for additional media interviews and will be at Saddleback Church Sunday morning at 10am handing out FAIR Foundation [brochures](#) and responding to reporters' questions.***

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