Ms. Dorothy Gilliam c/o Washington Post Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Gilliam:

Your column accurately portrayed the feelings of many people towards the AIDS crises, including minority communities, and how much further we have still to go. The Latino community, in the churches particular, needs to develop and encourage frank discussions regarding sexuality and sexual behavior. One wonders how much further along we would be if not for the homophobia of some members of our communities.

There is one correction, however, that I would like to add. An bilingual AIDS hotline serves the metropolitan D.C. area already. The hotline is operated by Salud, Inc., a community-based AIDS education project in Adams-Morgan. Last year, they provided service without any financial support from the D.C. city government. The number to the hotline is 1-800-322-7432.

Sincerely,

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