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Lifelong AIDS Alliance Applauds Passage of the Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination Bill

Bill Honors Legacy of Cal Anderson who Died From AIDS

Seattle, WA—January 27, 2006—Lifelong AIDS Alliance today released the following statement in response to the passage of the Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination bill:

“The passage of the Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination bill ensures that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered Washingtonians will be treated equally under the law,” said Tina Podlodowski, executive director of Lifelong AIDS Alliance. “This bill also honors the work, legacy, and bravery of the late Senator Cal Anderson, Washington’s first openly gay legislator who died of AIDS in 1995. Cal knew that basic fairness for all was essential to building healthy communities, relationships, and lives. For the more than 8,000 people in Washington State living with HIV/AIDS this victory means that many no longer need to be live in fear of discrimination at work, at home, or in the community. Thirty years of work have resulted in a powerful day.”

About Lifelong AIDS Alliance

Lifelong AIDS Alliance provides food, housing and health insurance to people living with HIV/AIDS in King County. Lifelong also provides prevention education and is a leader in local, regional and national advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS. Over 85% of Lifelong AIDS Alliance's clients live on less than \$15,000 per year. With a \$12.6 million budget, Lifelong AIDS Alliance is the leading AIDS service organization in the Pacific Northwest and is recognized nationally for its innovative work.

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