

Ms. Lorraine Teel
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Dear Lorraine:

I am writing on behalf of the foundations listed below and the Board of our family's foundation, the HRK Foundation, to express our deep disappointment at the recent attack in our state legislature on the Minnesota AIDS Project. We visited the MAP website to see if there was some new and offensive development of which we were unaware but found only the same consistent message of education and outreach for which you have been known since your founding in 1983. As you know, all of our foundations have proudly provided financial support to MAP over the years. As members of a community and a state that (rightly) pride themselves on the leadership role of our health institutions in everything from cardiovascular devices to breast cancer research to the integration of alternative therapies, we have been proud of the work that MAP has done in education, testing, disease prevention and support of at-risk populations.

One of the many things that you as an organization have done gracefully and well has been to use the right approach with the right audience. You have never hidden what you do, but you do not broadcast explicit language to audiences for whom that is not appropriate. As a physician, I am particularly appalled by the suggestion that euphemism is a more appropriate way to communicate critical information about safe sex than explicit language.

We hope that our fellow citizens will not allow fear and prejudice to undo the good work of decades in creating a public health system that addresses the needs and concerns of ALL of our citizens!

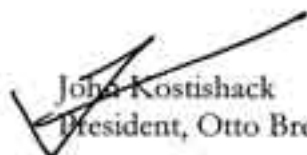
Sincerely,



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