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THE AIDS INSTITUTE PRAISES PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SELECTION TO LEAD NATIONAL AIDS OFFICE

Demonstrates Continued Commitment to HIV & Those Most Impacted

Washington, DC – In reaction to the announcement today by the White House that President Obama has selected Douglas Brooks to lead the Office of National AIDS Policy, The AIDS Institute released the following statement:

The AIDS Institute praises President Obama for selecting Douglas Brooks to lead his White House Office of National AIDS Policy. As a black, gay man who is living with HIV, Douglas combines the personal as well as professional experience needed to lead the federal government's HIV policies and implement the President's National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Since 2010, Brooks has served on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) and most recently was Senior Vice President for Community, Health, and Public Policy at the Justice Resource Institute (JRI) in Boston, Massachusetts.

The AIDS Institute looks forward to working with Douglas as we collectively strive to implement the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, including reducing the number of new infections and increasing care and treatment to people living with HIV. Achieving these goals in an environment of constrained budget resources and within the changing landscape of the Affordable Care Act provides unique opportunities and challenges. We are confident Brooks possesses the leadership and passion to guide the White House through the next few years as we together aim to fulfil the President's desire to realize an AIDS-free generation.

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