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Dear Fellow New Yorker,

New York City continues to be the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States, and HIV/AIDS prevention and care continue to be among our most critical public health priorities.

This final version of the report of the New York City Commission on HIV/AIDS presents recommendations on drastically reducing the spread of HIV, significantly improving control of the epidemic in New York City, and further strengthening the City's position as a national and global model for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care.

The recommendations in this report were developed through extensive deliberations of the members of the Commission. In addition, a draft version of the report was released for public comment; many of the suggestions received were incorporated into this final version.

It is impossible for one document to capture all that we need to do to fight this epidemic. This report highlights the enormous progress we have made but also points to areas where much more work remains. It is not an operational plan, but a strategic framework. As these recommendations are implemented, New Yorkers will increasingly be able to avoid infection, illness, and death.

We look forward to working with our community partners and all who are committed to stopping the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our City.

Sincerely,

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