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Dear Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Gordon Brown,

We the Sub –Saharan Africans, Gay men and Drug users in United Kingdom wish to register our condemnation of the deliberate discrimination against us from the rest of the community by only targeting us and testing us for HIV.

We feel that we are subjected to unnecessary HIV testing which is based on discrimination only and not on medical grounds.

As early as 1984 only Gay men, drug users and haemophiliacs were the only ones tested for HIV until the late eighties when the heterosexuals mainly from Uganda were tested for the virus and found to be positive. Later in the early in the nineties more Africans continued to suffer from the discrimination, stigma and prejudice while in hospitals here in U.K tested for HIV until today. The new Eastern Europeans, black British, Asians are also now on the high risk group list.

It is assumed that the entire continent of Africa and its people are infected by the HIV virus. For that reason all Sub-Saharan Africans here in U.K are subjected to a biased HIV test that is not based on medical ground.

We genuinely feel that our stated community is branded HIV high risk, for the wrong reasons and lives us suffering the consequences.

Many of us, who have experienced the untold horrible stories and treatments by the medical industry, ask you to intervene and help us from those persecuting us by calling us infected and diseased, pushing us for unnecessary HIV testing that leads us to toxic drugs that don't help us or treat us at all.

- To condemn the targeting and unnecessary HIV tests for the Gay men, drug users and Sub-Saharan Africans.
- To stop the harassment of the high risk group as it is known to the medical institutions in U.K.
- To impress on the government and the NHS to stop classifying us as HIV high risk group of people with HIV.
- To immediately reconsider the HIV test and its validity of the HIV test itself.
- To intervene in the outcome of those sentenced to prison for apparently infecting other while knowing they are HIV positive themselves. This is because we believe the HIV test itself is not valid and should not be used to prosecute innocent people.
- To recognise the rights of human all human beings in U.K disregard of the mentioned group.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you,
Yours truly,

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