

Hot Flash!

Spring 2002

The Microbicide Development Act of 2001 Are your legislators signed on as co-sponsors of the Act?

The **Microbicide Development Act of 2001** was introduced by Representative Connie Morella (Rep-MD) and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (Dem-CA) in the House of Representatives on June 28 as House Resolution 2405, or **HR 2405**. Senator Jon Corzine (Dem-NJ) and Senator Olympia Snowe (Rep-ME) introduced similar legislation in the Senate on November 30 as Senate Bill 1752, or **S 1752**.

If passed, this Act will help ensure that the US government's investment in microbicide research and development is increased substantially.

Right now, less than 2% of the US budget for HIV/AIDS research -- less than two cents of every dollar -- is spent on developing microbicides. With the boost in investment this Act provides, we could have an effective microbicide on the market in five to seven years. Without the boost, it's likely to take a lot longer!

The Microbicide Development Act of 2001 is specifically written to:

- A. create a "Microbicide Program" at the National Institutes of Health (NIH),
- B. require the expansion and coordination of microbicide research activities at the NIH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
- C. require regular reports to Congress on the progress of this coordinated initiative and
- D. authorize the appropriation of "such sums as necessary" to carry this work forward throughout fiscal years 2002-2004.

What can you do to help get this bill passed?

- 1) E-mail and then call your Representative and ask him/her to co-sponsor HR 2405 if he/she hasn't done so already (see back for names of House and Senate co-sponsors we need right now).
- 2) E-mail and then call both your Senators and ask them to co-sponsor S 1752 if they haven't already.

How do you do that? If you're not sure who represents you, ask the League of Women Voters (listing in local phone book) or check on the web at www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.html.

There is one member in the House of Representatives for your district and two Senators for your state.

To reach any Representative or Senator, **call toll free 1-800-648-3516** and ask for him/her by name.

To e-mail, fill in the name of the person you're writing wherever it says "firstname" or "lastname" below.

E-mail your Representative at firstname.lastname@mail.house.gov.

E-mail your Senators at senator@lastname.senate.gov.

Senators

Sponsor of S. 1752: Corzine, Jon (D-NJ)

Current co-sponsors:

Kerry, John (D-MA)

Bingaman, Jeff (D-NM)

Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)

Dodd, Chris (D-CT)

Durban, Richard (D-IL)

Feinstein, Diane (D-CA)

Inouye, Daniel (D-HI)

Leahy, Patrick (D-VT)

Murray, Patty (D-WA)

Snowe, Olympia (R-ME)

Who we really need to get! *We need the following Senators to co-sponsor. If your Senator is on this list, please get as many e-mails and calls as possible out to him/her right away!*

Biden, Joe (D-DE)

Boxer, Barbara (D-CA)

Campbell, Ben Nighthorse (R-CO)

Chafee, Lincoln (R-RI)

Clinton, Hilary Rodham (D-NY)

Collins, Susan (R-ME)

Edwards, John (D-NC)

Feingold, Russ (D-WI)

Frist, Bill (R-TN)

Harkin, Tom (D-IA)

Kennedy, Edward (D-MA)

Landrieu, Mary (D-LA)

Mikulski, Barbara (D-MD)

Reed, Jack (D-RI)

Reid, Harry (D-NV)

Smith, Gordon (R-OR)

Specter, Arlen (R-PA)

Stevens, Ted (R-AK)

Warner, Jack (R-VA)

Wellstone, Paul (D-MN)

Representatives **Sponsor of HR 2405:** Morella, Connie (R-MD)

Current co-sponsors:

Ackerman, Gary (D-NY)

Berman, Howard (D-CA)

Blagojevich, Rod (D-IL)

Brown, Sherrod (D-OH)

Capuano, Michael (D-MA)

Crowley, Joseph (D-NY)

Cummings, Elijah (D-MD)

Davis, Danny K (D-IL)

DeGette, Diana (D-CO)

DeLauro, Rosa (D-CT)

Eshoo, Anna (D-CA)

Evans, Lane (D-IL)

Ganske, Greg (R-IA)

Gonzalez, Charles (D-TX)

Greenwood, Jim (R-PA)

Gutierrez, Luis (D-IL)

Hinchey, Maurice (D-NY)

Hoeffel, Joseph (D-PA)

Jackson, Jr., Jesse (D-IL)

Jefferson, William (D-LA)

Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)

Kirk, Mark (R-IL)

Larson, John B (D-CT)

Leach, James (R-IA)

Lee, Barbara (D-CA)

Lowey, Nita (D-NY)

Maloney, Carolyn (D-NY)

McDermott, Jim (D-WA)

McKinney, Cynthia (D-GA)

Millender-McDonald, Juanita (D-CA)

Miller, George (D-CA)

Nadler, Jerry (D-NY)

Napolitano, Grace (D-CA)

Olver, John (D-MA)

Payne, Donald M (D-NJ)

Pelosi, Nancy (D-CA)

Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D-CA)

Rush, Bobby (D-IL)

Sawyer, Thomas (D-OH)

Schakowsky, Janice (D-IL)

Slaughter, Louise (D-NY)

Stark, Fortney Pete (D-CA)

Thurman, Karen (D-FL)

Tierney, John (D-MA)

Towns, Edolphus (D-NY)

Upton, Fred (R-MI)

Waters, Maxine (D-CA)

Waxman, Henry (D-CA)

Wynn, Albert Russell (D-MD)

Who we really need to get! *We need the following Reps. to co-sponsor. If your Rep. is on this list, please get as many e-mails and calls as possible to him/her right away!*

Barrett, Thomas (D-WI)

Bass, Charles (R-NH)

Bilirakis, Michael (R-FL)

Boehlert, Sherwood (R-NY)

Bono, Mary (R-CA)

Callahan, Sonny (R-AL)

Capps, Lois (D-CA)

Carson, Julia (D-IN)

Christensen, Donna (D-VI)

Deutsch, Peter (D-FL)

Dingell, John (D-MI)

Ehrlich, Robert (R-MD)

Engel, Elliott (D-NY)

Fattah, Chaka (D-PA)

Gonzalez, Charles (D-TX)

Green, Gene (D-TX)

Hall, Ralph (D-TX)

Kelly, Sue (R-NY)

Kennedy, Patrick (D-RI)

Kolbe, Jim (R-AZ)

Meek, Carrie (D-FL)

Norwood, Charles (R-GA)

Obey, David (D-WI)

Pallone, Frank (D-NJ)

Peterson, John (R-PA)

Price, David (D-NC)

Regula, Ralph (R-OH)

Sherwood, Don (R-PA)

Strickland, Ted (D-OH)

Stupak, Bart (D-MI)

Tauzin, WJ (R-LA)

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