

# Sunday IN THE Country WITH George

**April 28, 1996-Garrison, NY** Governor Pataki's budget proposals are a disaster for all New Yorkers, especially those living with chronic physical and mental illnesses and disabilities, including people living with HIV/AIDS. Affected New Yorkers include children, seniors, youth, adult men & women, immigrants, and the poor. Many of us rely on our state's public assistance and public health care systems, especially in times of personal crisis and during the current economic stagnation and recession. Governor Pataki's budget will deny access to comprehensive, high-quality medical care, and to food, shelter, clothing, and medicine. We categorically reject the notion of a state fiscal crisis, which we believe has been intentionally created by tax reductions for affluent New Yorkers and corporations. The cost of these political priorities can literally be measured in people's lives, on our streets, in our health care and social welfare institutions, and in our cemeteries. ■

**ACT UP, HOUSING WORKS,  
WHAM! and OTHER  
CITIZENS OF NEW YORK**

**WE COME TOGETHER TODAY IN  
GARRISON TO DEMAND THE FOLLOWING  
OF OUR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE:**

**WE DEMAND ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY,  
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE:**

- **NO CUTS TO MEDICAID!**
- **NO MANDATORY MEDICAID MANAGED CARE!**
- **NO BLOCK GRANTS FOR HOME CARE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND INDIGENT CARE!**
- **INCREASE DRUG TREATMENT-ON-DEMAND!**

**WE DEMAND A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SYSTEM  
WHICH TREATS PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY:**

- **NO TIME LIMITS FOR AFDC & HOME RELIEF!**
- **NO CUTS TO GRANT LEVELS!**
- **NO BLOCK GRANTS FOR AFDC & HOME RELIEF!**
- **NO PENALTIES FOR NEW BABIES!**
- **NO CASE CLOSINGS WITHOUT DUE PROCESS!**
- **NO MANDATORY "WORKFARE"!**
- **NO LUMP-SUM "FLAT GRANTS" FOR SHELTERS!**

**WE DEMAND COMPREHENSIVE HIV/AIDS CARE**

- **RESTORE THE RECENT CUTS TO ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)!**
- **FULLY-FUND ADAP TO COVER NEW TREATMENTS!**
- **NO MANDATORY HIV TESTING FOR NEWBORNS, PREGNANT WOMEN, & THE ACCUSED!**
- **FULLY-RESTORE THE AIDS INSTITUTE!**
- **EXPAND NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS & LEGALIZE SYRINGE SALES!**
- **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED AIDS CENTERS!**
- **EXPAND ANONYMOUS TESTING! REQUIRE "UNIQUE IDENTIFIER CODES" FOR ALL AIDS CASES!**
- **ENFORCE AIDS CURRICULUM MANDATES!**
- **ENSURE PARTICIPATION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SETTING AIDS POLICIES!**



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## "Sunday in the Country with George"

### A Statewide Demonstration to Protest

### Governor Pataki's Policies on AIDS, Health Care, and Welfare

**April 28, 1996**

Welcome to Garrison, New York, where Governor George Pataki makes his home.

We're New Yorkers from the Hudson Valley, Long Island, the Capital District, Western New York, Central New York, the Northern Tier, the Southern Tier, and the Big Apple. Tell us the name of your home-town neighborhood in New York!

#### May We Help You Today?

- Do you need someone to help you get around? Do you need a wheel chair?

- Do you want to ride in the demonstration rather than walk? Or, if after walking to the Governor's front drive, you want to ride back to the parking lot, we will provide a vehicle.

- Need first aid? Emergency food or drink? Ask a Committee person, and we will try to help.

#### How You Can Help Today:

- Carry a banner or a sign. Participate in the die-in and chants. Talk to the media. Deposit your demands in Pataki's mail box.

- Volunteer to help other participants (register with the Welcoming Committee).

- Offer your car in an emergency (please register).

- For safety, don't leave the demonstration area alone; stay with the group.

*Can You Jump? Join the experts from Housing Works as they protest Pataki's AIDS, Health-Care, and Welfare policies and jump rope at the same time.*

#### Why We're Visiting the Governor in Garrison

To Pressure George Pataki to Save Our Safety Net - Save ADAP (the AIDS Drug Assistance Program), Save Medicaid, and Save Welfare. We have requested a meeting with the Governor at 1:30 today in the relaxed, informal setting of his lovely home to discuss his alarming budget proposals.

"Governor Pataki receives more welfare than most of us, including . . . free transportation, subsidized nursing-home care for his [recently deceased] father, and more than \$40,000 in tax write-offs for his real estate holdings." (Public Interest Projects, Inc.)

We cannot stand by as budget problems threaten the lives of New Yorkers. Repeal tax cuts; no corporate welfare; no added benefits to the rich. Save Our Safety Net!

We are united in our opposition to Pataki's cruel budget and his intimately linked AIDS, health-care, and welfare policies.

We petition the Governor to support progressive policies to benefit all New Yorkers who depend on New York State's health-care and welfare safety nets, including people living with HIV/AIDS and disabilities as well as seniors, children, youth, women, immigrants, and low-income people.

- We demand that Governor Pataki support public health programs and preserve Medicaid.

- We demand that Governor Pataki preserve and strengthen public assistance programs.

- We demand that Governor Pataki support vital AIDS programs.

#### Without ADAP, We're Dead

**Smile for the Camera - A Reminder:** our friends are here to video tape and photograph for your safety; the media are here to help publicize the issues; state, railroad, and local police are here with their cameras for their own reasons.

**First Aid:** provided by Garrison Ambulance Corps. Also on hand will be Mel Stevens, R.N., of ACT UP/NY who will be carrying first-aid supplies in a back-pack emblazoned with a red cross superimposed on a pink triangle. (He's got wheel chairs too.)

**Toilets:** portable toilets at south end of parking lot; two toilets in Guinan's Bar on the west side of the tracks; two gas stations in Garrison north of St. Philip's Church on Route 9D.

**Food and Water:** restaurants in Cold Spring (north) and Peekskill (south) on Route 9D; Guinan's Bar on the west side of the tracks; a gas station on Route 9D north of St. Philip's Church has a small grocery; emergency provisions with members of the Committee.

**Metro-North Schedule:** trains south to New York City leave at 42 minutes past the hour; trains north to Poughkeepsie leave at 13 minutes past the hour.

**When You Get Home:** call on weekdays or write your representatives in Albany (800 number courtesy of NYS AFL-CIO Save Our State Project).

Governor George Pataki  
State Capitol  
Executive Chambers  
Albany, New York 12224  
(800) 767-6336 say "one" or  
(518) 474-8390 or  
(212) 417-2100

State Senator or  
Assembly Member  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248

New York State Senate  
(800) 767-6336 say "two" or  
(518) 455-2800  
(or local number)

New York State Assembly  
(800) 767-6336 say "three" or  
(518) 455-4100  
(or local number)

To find out who represents you, call your local Board of Elections, or call the League of Women Voters at (800) 836-6975 or (212) 674-8484.

**Alert the Media!** Call the press and TV/radio stations back home, and tell them who you visited in Garrison and what you had to say.

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A Big THANK-YOU to the residents of Putnam County for their warm welcome.

If you are not registered with the Welcoming Committee, be sure that you are on our mailing lists/phone trees by calling (212) 642-5499.

Please help ACT UP, Housing Works, and WHAM! pay for "Sunday in the Country with George."

# HELP SAVE ADAP

## The Problem

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) needs \$25 million from the New York State Legislature to offer protease inhibitors and restore medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements cut in January. ADAP, which provides care for 10,000 New Yorkers, started to run out of money, and was forced to make drastic cuts. \$25 million would restore the cuts and provide protease inhibitors.

## The Answer

Assemblymember Richard Gottfried (D, Manhattan) and Senator Catherine Abate (D, Manhattan) are working to save ADAP. Assemblymember Gottfried and Senator Roy Goodman (R, Manhattan) introduced bills in the Assembly (A8745) and Senate (S6201) for the money we need. **MOST SENATORS AND ASSEMBLY-MEMBERS ARE DOING NOTHING.** Make life hell in Albany until they pass these bills. Don't call once, call daily or weekly until we have victory.

The Legislators will tell you they are "concerned" about ADAP. Forget "concerned", we want action! Demand that they co-sponsor the bills, stand up, and be counted. Tell them to get the bill out of committee, co-sponsor it and vote "yes" when it comes to a vote.

## What You Can Do

Check the list on the back of this flyer to see if your Senator and Assemblymember are already on board. Don't know who represents you in Albany? Call your local League of Women Voters (they're in the phone book), and they'll tell you in minutes.

### If your State Senator/Assemblymember is a sponsor:

Call or write to thank them, then make Senator Bruno (President of the Senate) and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver your project. **NEITHER IS CO-SPONSORING.** Call daily or weekly. Demand they sponsor the bills, get them out of committee and vote "yes" on them. Follow the script below.

### If your State Senator/Assemblymember is NOT sponsoring:

Call or write to demand why they aren't. Too many Democratic Senators sponsoring a bill can cause the Republican Senators to sink it. Have a Democratic Senator? Instead of sponsoring, ask them to move the bills out of committee and vote "yes" on them. Republican Senators and all Assemblymembers have no excuse for not co-sponsoring. Make their lives hell.

## What To Say:

1. **Call the Assembly/Senate: (800) 767-6336.** Say: "I am calling to talk to the staffer who is assigned to AIDS or health policy. Is there someone assigned to work on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program?" Write this person's name down.
2. Ask if the Senator/Assemblymember has signed on to sponsor the bills (A8745/S6201).
3. If the Senator/Assemblymember is sponsoring, thank them. Start calling Senator Bruno (President of the Senate) and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.
4. If the Senator/Assemblymember is not sponsoring, say "I live in your district, and I want the Senator/Assemblymember to sponsor the bill, get it out of committee and vote "yes" on it when it comes to a vote. Why isn't the Senator/Assemblymember sponsoring already?" Tell the staffer what it would mean for you and those you love if the ADAP programs do not get this money (no protease inhibitors, no restoration of nutritional supplements or medications).
5. Tell the staffer that you will call in a week for an update, and that you will be urging your friends and family members to call, also. Call constantly, make them part of your weekly routine until we win.

**ACT UP \*\*\*\* FIGHT BACK \*\*\*\* FIGHT AIDS**



## Assemblymembers Sponsoring A8745

### Bronx

Arroyo, Dem  
Dinowitz, Dem  
Greene, Dem  
Ramirez, Dem  
Rivera, Dem

### Brooklyn

Barbaro, Dem  
Boyland, Dem  
Brennan, Dem  
Dugan, Dem  
Feldman, Dem  
Green, Dem  
Griffith, Dem  
Jacobs, Dem  
Lopez, Dem  
Ortiz, Dem  
Polonetsky, Dem  
Townsend, Dem  
Weinstein, Dem  
Vann, Dem

### Manhattan

Diaz, Dem  
Glick, Dem  
Gottfried, Dem  
Grannis, Dem  
Murtaugh, Dem  
Sanders, Dem  
Stringer, Dem  
Sullivan, E., Dem

### Queens

Aubry, Dem, Corona  
Clark, Dem, Jamaica  
Cook, Dem, S. Ozone Park  
Katz, Dem, Forest Hills  
Lafayette, Dem, Jackson Hgts  
McLaughlin, Dem, Flushing  
Meeks, Dem, Far Rockaway  
Nolan, Dem, Ridgewood  
Pheffer, Dem, Rockaway Beach  
Scarborough, Dem, St. Albans

### Staten Island

Connelly, Dem, Staten Island  
**Long Island**  
DiNapoli, Dem, Great Neck  
Englebright, Dem, E. Setauket  
Harenberg, Dem, Oakdale  
Hill, Dem, Hempstead  
Sidikman, Dem, Plainview  
Sweeney, R., Rep, Lindenhurst  
Weisenberg, Dem, Long Beach

### Mid-Hudson

Hochberg, Dem, Scarsdale

### Upstate

Canestrari, Dem, Troy  
Eve, Dem, Buffalo  
Gantt, Dem, Rochester  
Hoyt, Dem, Buffalo  
John, Dem, Rochester  
Luster, Dem, Ithaca  
McEneny, Dem, Albany  
Morelle, Dem, Rochester  
Robach, Dem, Rochester  
Tokasz, Dem, Buffalo

## Assemblymembers NOT Sponsoring A8745

### Bronx

Davis, Dem  
Espada, Dem  
Klein, Dem  
Kaufman, Dem

### Brooklyn

Abbate, Dem  
Genovesi, Dem  
Hikind, Dem  
Lentol, Dem  
Norman, Dem  
Perry, Dem

### Manhattan

Farrell, Dem  
Ravitz, Dem  
Silver, Dem  
Wright, Dem

### Queens

Butler, Dem, Long Isl. City  
Crowley, Dem, Elmhurst  
Mayersohn, Dem, Flushing  
Prescott, Rep, Bayside  
Seminario, Dem, Richmond Hill  
Weprin, Dem, Bayside

### Staten Island

Stranieri, Rep  
Vitaliano, Dem

### Long Island

Acampora, Rep, Riverhead  
Alfano, Rep, Franklin Sq.  
Balboni, Rep, Westbury  
Barraga, Rep, West Islip  
Boyle, Rep, Bayshore  
Conte, Rep, Huntington Sta.  
Ferrara, Rep, Westbury  
Flanagan, Rep, Northport  
Healey, Rep, Massapequa  
Herbst, Rep, Hicksville  
Mazzarelli, Rep, Patchogue  
Muscarella, Rep, Franklin Sq.  
O'Shea, Bellmore  
Thiele, Rep, Wainscott  
Wertz, Rep, Smithtown

### Mid-Hudson

Bonacic, Rep, Middletown  
Brodsky, Dem, Scarsdale  
Calhoun, Rep, New Windsor  
Colman, Dem, Pearl River  
Faso, Rep, West Coxsackie  
Gunther, Dem, Monticello  
Galef, Dem, Ossining  
Gromack, Dem, New City  
Guerin, Rep, Kingston  
Kirwan, Rep, Newburgh  
Manning, Rep, Hopewell Junct.  
Matusow, Dem, Mt. Kisco  
Miller, Rep, Poughkeepsie  
Pretlow, Dem, Mt. Vernon  
Spano, Rep, Yonkers  
Stephens, Rep, Carmel  
Tocci, Dem, New Rochelle

## Assemblymembers NOT Sponsoring A8745

### Upstate

Alesi, Rep, Fairport  
Anderson, Rep, Williamsville  
Bragman, Dem, N. Syracuse  
Brown, Rep, Camillus  
Casale, A., Rep, Herkimer  
Casale, P., Rep, Mechanicville  
Christensen, Dem, Syracuse  
D'Andrea, Rep, Saratoga Spgs  
Davidsen, Rep, Bath  
Destito, Dem, Utica  
Dinga, Rep, Johnson City  
Doran, Rep, Geneva  
Fessenden, Rep, Auburn  
Johnson, Rep, Rochester  
Keane, Dem, Buffalo  
King, Rep, Glens Falls  
Magee, Dem, Oneida  
Mahoney, Rep, Syracuse  
McGee, Rep, Olean  
Nesbitt, Rep, Brockport  
Nortz, Rep, Watertown  
Oaks, Rep, Lyons  
O'Neil, Rep, Lowville  
Orloff, Rep, Plattsburgh  
Parment, Dem, Jamestown  
Pillittere, Dem, Niagara Falls  
Pordum, Dem, Blasdell  
Prentiss, Rep, Ballston Lake  
Rappleysa, Rep, Norwich  
Reynolds, Rep, Buffalo  
Schimminger, Dem, Kenmore  
Seaman, Rep, Lockport  
Sullivan, F., Rep, Fulton  
Tedisco, Rep, Schenectady  
Tonko, Dem, Amsterdam  
Townsend, Rep, Oriskany  
Warner, Rep, Binghamton  
Winner, Rep, Elmira  
Wirth, Rep, West Seneca

## Senators Sponsoring S6201

### Manhattan

Abate, Dem  
Goodman, Rep  
Leichter, Dem

## Senators NOT Sponsoring S6201

### Bronx

Gonzalez, Dem  
Espada, Dem  
Galiber, Dem  
Velella, Rep

### Brooklyn

Babbush, Dem  
Connor, Dem  
DiCarlo, Rep  
Kruger, Dem  
Markowitz, Dem  
Montgomery, Dem  
Santiago, Dem  
Solomon, Dem

### Manhattan

Mendez, Dem  
Patterson, Dem

### Queens

Gold, Dem, Forest Hills  
Maltese, Rep, Glendale  
Onorato, Dem, Long Isl. City  
Padavan, Rep, Bellerose  
Smith, Dem, S. Ozone Park  
Stavisky, Dem, Flushing  
Waldon, Dem, St. Albans

### Staten Island

Marchi, Rep

### Long Island

Hannon, Rep, Westbury  
Johnson, Rep, Babylon  
Lack, Rep, Hauppauge  
LaValle, Rep, Selden  
Levy, Rep, Freeport  
Skalos, Rep, Rockville Ctr  
Trunzo, Rep, Hauppauge  
Tully, Rep, Floral Park

### Mid-Hudson

Cook, Rep, Delhi  
Holland, Rep, Nanuet  
Larkin, Rep, New Windsor  
Leibell, Rep, Carmel  
Oppenheimer, Dem, Rye  
Saland, Rep, Poughkeepsie  
Spano, Rep, Yonkers

### Upstate

Bruno, Rep, Saratoga Spgs  
DeFrancisco, Rep, Syracuse  
Dollinger, Dem, Rochester  
Farley, Rep, Albany  
Hoblock, Rep, Albany  
Hoffman, Dem, Syracuse  
Jones, Dem, Rochester  
Kuhl, Rep, Bath  
Libous, Rep, Binghamton  
Maziarz, Rep, Lockport  
Nanula, Dem, Buffalo  
Nozzolio, Rep, Seneca Falls  
Present, Rep, Jamestown  
Rath, Rep, Williamsville  
Sears, Rep, Lowville  
Seward, Rep, Oneonta  
Stachowski, Dem, Buffalo  
Stafford, Rep, Plattsburgh  
Volker, Rep, East Aurora  
Wright, Rep, Watertown

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## Re-Elect Pataki -- Mayor of Peekskill

Health care is a right,  
Health care is a right.

Welfare is a right,  
Welfare is a right.

ADAP is health care,  
Health care is a right.

What do we want?  
Health care for all.  
When do we want it?  
Now.

What do we want?  
Save Medicaid.  
When do we want it?  
Now.

What do we want?  
Save ADAP.  
When do we want it?  
Now.

Hey, George! What do we say?  
Don't you take my health care away.

Hey, George! What do we say?  
Don't you take my welfare away.

Hey, hey! What do we say?  
More money for ADAP today.

Hey, hey! Ho, ho!  
Block grants have got to go.

Hey, hey! Ho, ho!  
Family caps have got to go.

Hey, hey! Ho, ho!  
George Pataki's got to go.

Give me an "A" ("A")  
Give me a "D" ("D")  
Give me an "A" ("A")  
Give me a "P" ("P")  
What do we want? ADAP!  
When do we want it? Now!

Cuts hurt all New Yorkers.  
Save Medicaid now.

Cuts hurt all New Yorkers.  
Save welfare now.

George says cut back.  
We say fight back.

Health care for people,  
not for profit.

Two, four, six, eight -  
George Pataki kills our state.

Yo, George! Move your butt!  
Cut out all these budget cuts.

Managed care  
Is damaged care.

Test treatments,  
Not babies.

Test treatments,  
Not mothers.

Workfare  
Ain't fair.

Stop the war  
On the poor.

Time limit George!  
Not the poor!

What do we want?  
Single payer.  
When do we want it?  
Now.

What do we want?  
Needle exchange.  
When do we want it?  
Now.

Stop George,  
Not welfare.

Re-elect Pataki -  
Mayor of Peekskill.

Pataki - you liar,  
We will set your pants on fire.



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