September 1, 2015

The Honorable Kamala Harris

Attorney General

California Department of Justice

300 South Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230

**RE: Request for Review**

Dear Attorney General Harris:

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is registered with the California Attorney General’s registry of charitable trusts (#068531).  As such, this non-profit organization is entitled to special treatment under the law, including tax-exempt status. Our organization is concerned that this entity’s political activities have surpassed the legal spending limits and is in violation of their non-profit status.

We have reviewed multiple newspaper reports and publicly available documents that appear to indicate that AHF has spent nearly $7 million over the past 4 years on lobbying/political activities, in excess of legal limits. Attached you will find a collection of the publicly-available documents detailing these activities. It is unclear whether there are additional lobbying/political expenses.

Please note that there also appears to be multiple discrepancies between federal tax filings and reported campaign expenditures; this may be an indication of under-reported lobbying/political activity.

We forward these documents to your attention with the request that California’s experts and regulatory authorities review and make an independent determination on the legality of AHF’s political spending and reporting. This request is based exclusively out of concern that all taxpayers are harmed if a non-profit entity is allowed to abuse its tax-exempt status.

We respectfully request that you review the attached documents and conduct an independent review.

Regards,

Jeffrey Douglas

Free Speech Coalition Board Chair

CC: Attorney General Charitable Trust Section

AIDS Health Care Foundation, Board of Directors