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Deputy City Attorney
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Dear Deputy Attorney Tada

We are contacting you in regards to *Schneider vs. City and County of San Francisco*; Federal District Court Case No. C-97-2203-MMC. Ms. Schneider filed a civil rights complaint and is currently in the process of litigation concerning the barbaric and illegal treatment she was subjected to by employees of the County and City of San Francisco.

ACT UP San Francisco has for eleven years fought for an end to the crisis, and the profiteering, corruption and bigotry it has spawned, through militant, non-violent, direct-action. Our particular concern to our organization has been the demonization of sex workers as "immoral vectors of disease". The routine harassment and prosecution of sex workers serves no purpose but to sustain a thoughtless and heartless bureaucracy bent on maintaining the status quo. The fact that many sex workers are tested for HIV without their consent gleamingly illustrates the justice systems' disregard for scientific fact or personal privacy.

Ms. Schneider's traumatic ordeal was clearly orchestrated to vilify and humiliate her. Those responsible for this crime should be immediately terminated from their position and held accountable for their heinous actions. Furthermore, ACT UP San Francisco demands an immediate resolution to the suit by using financial resources to compensate Ms. Schneider. It is disgraceful, while over 3,000 People With AIDS live on the streets, vital and precious resources are being squandered away for the perpetuation of bureaucracy.

Sincerely

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On behalf of the
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