



Nova Iguaçu, January, 15th, 2013.

Dear Dr. José Henrique Pilotto,

Our NGO, **Grupo 28 de Junho**, is focused on the rights and welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population (LGBT). The core of our activism is the desire for inclusion, equality, non-discrimination and a sense of community. Globally, the LGBT experience of promoting and achieving change and understanding with policy makers and the general population is that progress is extremely slow. Those living in environments particularly hostile to LGBT people often meet refusal and obstinacy from public representatives when they try to claim a space in civil society.

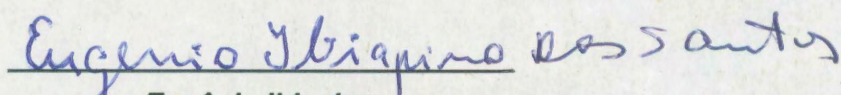
The Hospital Geral de Nova Iguaçu Clinical Research Team has always been partner in all aspects of our fights against discrimination, prejudice, and has always helped the LGBT citizens in need for any kind of help, attention, counseling or seeking any kind of treatment.

This letter is to express my strong interest and commitment to collaborate with the Hospital Geral de Nova Iguaçu Clinical Research Site (HGNI CRS) in the **Initiative for Discovery to End AIDS (IDEA) Clinical Trials Unit** application, led by Dr. Robert Grant.

We had successfully contributed with your team in the recruitment of HIV negative men who have sex with men (MSM) for the IPREX study at Fiocruz, and we are confident that we will play an important role in the recruitment strategies of MSM for studies at the HGNI CRS. Also, we have a long-term partnership with the Community Advisory Board.

We reassure our commitment to collaborate with you and your team and we are sure this application will provide state-of-the-art support for clinical research in the prevention field. We look forward to hearing that you have been successful in this application.

Sincerely,


Eugênio Ibiapino
President