



Media Advisory

Press Release

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**Joint Letter
Gay Rights Organizations
Community Based Hemophilia Organizations**

**Regarding the MSM Blood Donor Deferral Policy
Before The
Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability
Department of Health and Human Services
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Joint Statement on Addressing the MSM Blood Ban by Groups Representing People Living with Hemophilia, Gay Men and People Living with HIV/AIDS

The Department of Health & Human Services, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will be reviewing the current Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy recommending that men who have sex with another man (MSM) even one time since 1977 should be deferred indefinitely from donating blood.