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HIGH TECH GAYS TO BOYCOTT 6TH INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

San Jose, Calif.... High Tech Gays (HTG), the nations largest organization of gay and lesbian professionals in the high tech industries, voted at its April 8 meeting to support the boycott of the 6th International AIDS Conference being held in San Francisco in June.

The boycott will be effective unless the U.S. government alters its immigration policies to allow gay men and lesbian and persons with AIDS or HIV infection to freely enter the U.S. and attend the Conference. Current U.S. law prohibits such persons' entry. HTG has asked its more than 700 members to write to their Congressional representatives to have the discriminatory policies changed.

"The majority of High Tech Gays' members are scientists, engineers and other technical professionals who must have access to full and freely exchanged information. This Conference is violating this tenet of free information flow by denying entry to gay men and lesbians and people with AIDS and HIV and is, besides, morally reprehensible" said Rick Rudy, President of High Tech Gays and a Board Member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "A Conference that excludes those who can bring the necessary information cannot accomplish its tasks and HTG members find that unacceptable."

HTG joins more than 85 national and international organizations who are boycotting the AIDS Conference, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

High Tech Gays was founded in San Jose, Calif., in 1983. HTG is a forum for gays and lesbians in the technically sophisticated industries to work together to solve problems of human rights, network on job opportunities and socialize in a congenial and supportive environment.

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