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Dear _____

In June, 2011, SETMA began an HIV Screening Program. Our records show that you were offered HIV testing and declined. If this is incorrect, please call Raydanna at 654-6878. Give her your name and birth date, and let her know that you did not decline testing. She can arrange for you to be tested without you having to schedule an appointment and without it costing you anything.

If you did decline to be tested, let me encourage you to reconsider. The only way the screening program will be successful is if 90% or more of our patients agree to be tested. In SEMTA's Wednesday presentation on Channel 4, my blood was drawn on live television for my HIV test. If it's important for you, it's important for me. We would like for you to participate.

I grew up hearing an old adage which stated, "What you don't know can't hurt you." I think this was in the context of gossip. However, in health, what you don't know can kill you. If you don't know that you have diabetes, hypertension, or heart disease, any one of these conditions can wreck your health. The same is true of HIV.

The good news is that all of these conditions can be "lived with," including HIV. With the right medical management, HIV can be treated and a person who is HIV Positive can live a normal life.

If your insurance company does not pay for the HIV Screening – most do – SETMA will absorb the charges. We will pay for your testing. That's how much we care about you. If there is a co-pay for the testing, we will pay the fee. You will pay nothing for being screened for HIV.

Please call today. Together we can all live healthily and successfully.

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