An Open Letter to Robert Pattinson

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Dear Robert:

I loved your performance in Twilight as the vampire Edward Cullen. I'm not a teenage girl, but I do admit to swooning whenever you were on screen.

I can only imagine how hard it must be for you as the heartthrob of the moment. Nonetheless, I do wish you had consulted with me before uttering the word "AIDS" in the way you did recently.

Don't remember? Well, here's a reminder of what you said:

> "People ambush me in public and ask me to bite them and want to touch my hair. I just don't want someone to have a needle and give me AIDS and I don't want to get shot or stabbed. This is my life."

Maybe this was taken out of context, as they say, but you must admit upon reflection that the whole AIDS paranoia thing does seem strange, no?

I support fully your right not to be ambushed (although I'd suggest you take the biting thing on a case by case basis). I also sympathize with your desire not to be injected, shot or stabbed without your consent?it is your life!

Your understanding of how someone develops AIDS, however, seems to be a bit lacking.

Sincerely,
Oriol

P.S. I'm looking forward to your next starring role as Salvador Dali in Little Ashes, scheduled for release in 2009!

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