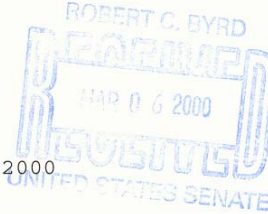




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February 25, 2000

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you for your February 9, 2000 inquiry on behalf of Mr. Jim Estep.

I have referred this inquiry to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Jeffery Koplan, for immediate attention and reply.

Please feel free to contact Cynthia Joyce, of my staff, at 202/690-6786, should you have any questions regarding this correspondence. If the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Tarplin
Assistant Secretary for Legislation

Note: For any further inquiry on this correspondence, please refer to 0225200013.

This was referred by bwb of your staff.