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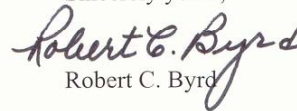
Dear Mr. Estep:

I have received the enclosed report from officials of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding the Quit for Life smoking cessation program. I note from the report that my letter of inquiry has been forwarded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for review.

Please note that I have not yet received a response to my inquiry from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Once I receive additional information from the VA and HHS, I will write to you again.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Byrd

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Enclosure