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IT HAS BEEN MY DISTINCT PLEASURE to serve again as OTA's Chairman during the 103d Congress.

My association with this agency goes back to its earliest days. I still feel a great deal of pride and excitement about the work the agency does. OTA continues to produce a steady stream of advice for the Congress—advice which always can be counted on to be competent, objective, and useful. This advice also has been impressive since it helps us with technology on a broad range of topics, such as education, defense, medicine, and transportation.

In a time when some have come to question the value of OTA, my own opinion is that without OTA the Congress will be a less informed place, making decisions knowing less, which is a position that few of our constituents would support. For a relatively small sum, OTA arms Members of Congress with high-quality advice on issue of enormous magnitude and cost—it's a bargain in my book.

I look forward to a continued association with OTA and its advisors, and to a vigorous future.