January 31, 1990

Dear Colleague:

The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) is conducting a survey to learn more about contributions that research funded by the federal government on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) may have made to advances in other fields. Findings from the survey will form the basis of an OTA Staff Paper that has been requested by the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, House Committee on Government Operations.

You are one of a group of distinguished biomedical and social scientists who have been selected to receive the survey. Please complete this form and return it to OTA in the enclosed envelope by February 12.

Your responses are, of course, confidential and anonymous. The data gathered will be presented only in aggregate form.

We appreciate very much your participation in the survey. Only by gathering data from knowledgeable people can we provide Congressional committees with the accurate, reliable information that they need.

If you have any questions or prefer to respond by telephone, please contact either Dr. Maria Hewitt or me in the Health Program by phone at 202/228-6590 or by FAX at 202/228-6098.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Sisk, Ph.D.
Senior Associate
1. Use the scale below to indicate to what extent you think **federally-funded** AIDS/HIV research has contributed to advances in the fields listed. Use the same scale to indicate how expert you feel in each field. Please cite specific examples of contributions in each field with which you are familiar. If you wish, attach additional sheets for all or part of your response.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH**

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2. Indicate your general opinion about the level of **federally-funded** AIDS/HIV research. The current level of funding is:

   ___ too low   ___ about right   ___ too high   ___ no opinion

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Too much research funding has been diverted to AIDS/HIV research from other fields?"

   ___ strongly agree   ___ agree   ___ no opinion   ___ disagree   ___ strongly disagree

4. What is your primary field of expertise? (If more than one, indicate which is paramount)

   ________________________________

5. What is your highest level of training?

   ___ MD
   ___ PhD
   ___ Other (please specify) ________________________________

6. What is your major activity?

   Research
   ___ Patient care
   ___ Education
   ___ Administration
   ___ Other (please specify) ________________________________

7. By whom are you primarily employed?

   ___ Federal or state government
   ___ Non-profit organization, including university
   ___ Private business
   ___ Other (please specify) ________________________________
Appendix B–Instrument of the OTA Survey - B-9

8. Please indicate your age category:
   ___ age 35 and younger   ___ age 36-50   ___ age 51-65   ___ age 66 and older

9. What proportion of your professional activities relate to AIDS/HIV?
   ___ percent

10. Did you receive any external funding in 1989?
    ___ Yes
        ___ No
    ___ Does not apply

    If yes,
    what percentage came from the federal government?
        ___ percent
    what percentage was for AIDS/HIV research?
        ___ percent
    what percentage was for federally-funded AIDS/HIV research?
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Thank you very much for completing the survey. If you would like any further information, please contact Dr. Jane Sisk or Dr. Maria Hewitt at the Office of Technology Assessment 202/228-6590. Please return the completed survey by February 12 in the enclosed envelope to:

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