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Dear Mr. Gemmell and Dr. Ibrahim:

This letter confirms the appearance of Kristine M. Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, at the legislative/public policy conference of deans from 27 U.S. schools of public health at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel on Wednesday, April 13, 1994.

Please call me at (202) 632-1090 with any questions or for further clarification. I am enclosing a biographical sketch and curriculum vitae for your reference.

Sincerely,



W. Steve Lee, Executive Assistant
and Scheduler to the
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

Enclosures

January 13, 1994

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or 8/14



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Kristine Gebbie, DrPH
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Dear Kris:

The Institute of Medicine (IOM), in its 1988 landmark study entitled *The Future of Public Health*, observed:

Many of the major improvements in the health of the American people have been accomplished through public health measures... But the public has come to take the success of public health for granted.

The IOM also stated: "Public health is a vital function that is in trouble." Policy-makers and staff need to focus on this problem.

Accordingly, we would like to invite you to address this issue at a legislative/public policy conference of deans from the 27 U.S. schools of public health on Wednesday afternoon, April 13, 1994 in the Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Your views on ways to tackle this problem, as well as suggestions regarding the need to address current shortages of public health professionals,* would be appreciated.

In light of the current debate on health care reform, in general and the federal fiscal climate, in particular, your comments/views on one or all of the following are requested:

- ◆ role of public health under health care reform
- ◆ FY95 federal support for public health professions education and training
- ◆ prospects for funding of prevention research in NIH

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* According to the PHS, there are currently shortages of epidemiologists, biostatisticians, environmental health specialists, public health nurses and physicians, among others; and, according to the IOM, "most public health workers, including some public health leaders, have not had formal educational preparation focused primarily on public health."

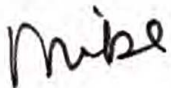
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Deborah Schoenfeld of our staff will be contacting your office regarding a specific time that might be appropriate to speak on Wednesday afternoon, April 13. If your schedule is full, perhaps you might wish to meet with a small delegation of deans (3-5) on Thursday, April 14 in your office to discuss matters outlined above (15-20 minutes).

Your participation in the first ASPH deans' legislative conference would be significant and important.

We've enclosed a deans' list and ASPH mission statement for your information.

Sincerely,



Michael K. Gemmell, CAE
Executive Director



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Enclosures

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MISSION STATEMENT:
**TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH BY ADVANCING
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AND SERVICE IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

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The Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) is the organization representing the 26 accredited graduate Schools of Public Health in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The association serves the collective needs of the deans, faculty and staff as they pursue the education and training of professional public health personnel.

In fulfillment of its mission, ASPH directs its activities to the following goals:

- ◆ Assist Schools of Public Health to achieve their missions of professional and graduate education, research and service
- ◆ Build coalitions with other accredited programs and public health organizations to increase public awareness, appreciation and support of public health
- ◆ Secure the recognition of ASPH's position as a leader in public health

In addition, strategic objectives of ASPH are to:

- ◆ Identify and expand funding resources to support Schools of Public Health in their missions of education, research and service
- ◆ Provide a forum for communication among deans, staff and public health faculties
- ◆ Promote public awareness and understanding of the critical roles played by education, science and practice in public health
- ◆ Identify and disseminate strategies to increase ethnic diversity of faculty, students and staff in schools of public health
- ◆ Encourage and support the expansion of the number of schools of public health
- ◆ Initiate cooperative actions and help build international, national and local coalitions with other organizations whose mission is to improve the public's health

Basic purposes of ASPH are to:

- ◆ Support and facilitate the advancement of graduate public health education
- ◆ Assimilate data and information on public health professions education and participate in the development of basic information on the needs of the public health personnel and organizations for use by the schools in planning and development
- ◆ Provide an open forum for the development of informed opinion on the course and direction of education and training in public health

- ◆ Assist in meeting national goals of disease prevention and health promotion, including health care reform (HCR)
- ◆ Disseminate public health education information to governmental and private organizations, individuals and career guidance groups
- ◆ Serve as a liaison between the schools, government agencies and other national and international organizations

Major functions of ASPH are to:

- ◆ Prepare policy studies and other reports on public health personnel issues, trends and developments in graduate public health education
- ◆ Provide a forum for the schools and their colleague organizations to consider trends in public health education and practice and to formulate position papers and policy objectives
- ◆ Aid in the development of national health policies and in the achievement of national disease prevention and health promotion goals, including HCR, by mobilizing the knowledge, experience and other resources available at the schools
- ◆ Compile data profiling applicants, students, graduates and faculty to enable the schools to plan enrollment levels and set educational policies
- ◆ Serve as a coordinating mechanism to enable HHS and other federal agencies to utilize the capabilities of the schools for disease prevention and health promotion, as well as HCR
- ◆ Act as a clearinghouse for public health education resources available at the schools and arrange for the provision of expert consultation, technical assistance and training from the schools to federal, state, local and international health agencies, private non-profit organizations and industry
- ◆ Maintain communication, liaison and information exchange with other national and international associations and government agencies
- ◆ Monitor and interpret congressional activity and legislation relevant to the schools and represent the concerns of the schools to Congress and before the executive branch

Major activities of ASPH are to:

- ◆ Maintain information on academic programs and policies of the schools and answer inquiries from individuals, government agencies and other groups
- ◆ Inform the schools regularly on current developments in health legislation, health policy and health related activities of the Congress and executive branch
- ◆ Provide for information exchange between the schools and congressional health staff and executive agency personnel on health legislation, regulations and health policy issues impacting on academic public health, in general and the schools, in particular

- ◆ Serve as liaison between the schools and national and international governmental health agencies and organizations including OASH/HHS, HRSA, NIH, CDC, AHCPR, HCFA, AID, VA, EPA, WHO, PAHO, etc.
- ◆ Represent the schools with other national and international organizations by serving on boards, committees, task forces and other decision making groups
- ◆ Hold annual and other meetings of the association for the conduct of business, policy development and deliberation on current trends and issues in graduate public health education, practice and research
- ◆ Develop and administer various projects to strengthen and improve graduate public health education, training, research and practice

ASPH organization and governance:

The ASPH* is governed by its membership (deans from the 26 Schools of Public Health in the U.S. and Puerto Rico) and an executive committee. Standing committees (accreditation, education, international health and legislation) recommend program directions and policies to the executive committee and to the members in general. Ad hoc committees (i.e., faculty councils and task forces) are appointed for certain designated tasks and advise members and staff on issues of primary concern to the association.

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* ASPH is the only national organization representing the deans, over 2,100 faculty and over 12,000 students of the 26 schools of public health. The schools represent the primary education system that trains personnel needed to operate our nation's public health, disease prevention and health promotion programs. ASPH's principal purpose is to promote and improve the education and training of professional public health personnel. It was formed in 1959 in response to the need to give a national voice to academic public health. (List of schools attached)

"PH in trouble"

- 1) overlooked part of reform -
reform focus on cost/access to personal services
need focus on healthier public
access to both population-based & personal care

- 2) HIV experience -
\$ programs strapped -
3 wk + wait for testing
limited support for volunteers
weak grasp of community process -

- 3) Issue of demonstrating the role
this week's AMA news -
\$ Caswell Evans ~~interview~~
? extent to which this is in academic
health center material

HIV demonstration on campus -
Employee education
Support for student programs

**SCHEDULE
FOR
KRISTINE M. GEBBIE
APRIL 13, 1994
(as of April 12, 1994)**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1994

Washington.

- 9:00a Meeting with Sandra O'Leary of Department of State on East Asian HIV/AIDS issues. Staff present: N. Hazelton, P. Tran. (45m).
- 10:00a Meeting with Frank Oldham of the D.C. Office of HIV/AIDS on community planning. Staff present: C. Velez, S. Lee.
- 11:00a Interview with CNN Newsource a number of AIDS policy issues. (15m).
- 1:45p Staff car pick-up for travel to Sheraton City Centre, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
- 2:00p Speech before Association of Schools of Public Health, deans from 27 universities to discuss public is a vital function that is in trouble. Sheraton City Center.
- 3:45p Staff car pick-up for travel to Humphrey Building.
- 4:00p Reception for Iris Gelberg in Room 729G.
- 5:00p Meeting with L. Alworth on Federal Workplace Initiative. Humphrey Building.
- 5:30p Staff car pick-up for travel to 750 office.