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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to provide this copy of the *Public Health Service Strategic Plan to Combat HIV & AIDS in the United States*. It was developed jointly by the National AIDS Program Office (NAPO), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) and the Public Health Service (PHS) agencies. Its publication represents PHS' fourth HIV and AIDS planning document. The principal purposes of this strategic plan are to:

1. delineate the functional strategic efforts the PHS is undertaking to combat HIV and AIDS,
2. provide a framework in which each Agency can develop and implement a corresponding "tactical" plan which expands upon this broader PHS plan, and
3. disseminate to the public, State and local governments or other Federal departments, information about PHS' strategies and efforts to combat HIV and AIDS.

The HIV and AIDS epidemic in America is dynamic. A description of today's epidemic will be different from a description prepared just a few months from now. The statistics which have been used in creating the plan are a "snapshot" in time.

Things have also changed organizationally within PHS. The Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) was reorganized by Congressional action with the creation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and the absorption of the National Institute on Mental Health, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse into the structure of the National Institutes of Health. None of these changes diminishes our resolve to pursue the strategic activities in this plan.

In order to reduce printing and mailing expenses, an electronic copy of the *Public Health Service Strategic Plan to Combat HIV & AIDS in the United States* can be obtained from the OASH/NAPO electronic Bulletin Board System (BBS). The BBS is a PC-based system which is accessible by dialing (202) 690-5423. There is no charge to users to download the document (or any other document on the system), outside of the cost of the telephone call. If technical assistance in using the BBS is needed, questions may be referred to the National AIDS Program Office, Information Services, at (202) 690-6248.

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