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J. James Rohack, M.D.  
President  
American Medical Association  
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Dear Dr. Rohack:

Thank you for your letter to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee expressing support for the issuance of a stamp commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1964 First Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health.

I am pleased to inform you this proposal will be submitted for review and consideration before the Committee. The Committee is responsible for reviewing stamp proposals and making subject and design recommendations to the Postmaster General.

As additional information, the Committee decides on new stamp subject recommendations far in advance of the issue date in order to provide time for planning, design, production, and distribution. Currently, the 2011 and 2012 stamp programs are completed, and stamp subjects for the 2013 program and subsequent years are being selected. Although many of the subjects for upcoming new stamps have been identified, no public announcement of individual new stamps is made until the entire stamp program for that year has been approved. This occurs in the fall preceding the year of issuance. Enclosed for your reference is the *Creating U.S. Postage Stamps* brochure.

We appreciate your interest in our stamp program.

Sincerely,

for Terrence W. McCaffrey  
Manager  
Stamp Development

Enclosure