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Received: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 08:33:31 AM CDT

From: "Roger Brown" <Roger.Brown@ama-assn.org>

To: "Wm. Jeff Terry" <jeffterry@usa.net>

Cc: "Janet Williams" <Janet.Williams@ama-assn.org>

Subject: RE: Tobacco stamp resolution

Dr Terry,

Janet is the content expert on this matter, so I will defer to her.

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From: Wm. Jeff Terry [mailto:jeffterry@usa.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 9:45 PM

To: Roger Brown; Wm. Jeff Terry

Cc: Janet Williams

Subject: RE: Tobacco stamp resolution

Roger,

I was disappointed to get the e-mail below today from Alan Blum who has been working with me on this tobacco stamp project:

Hi, Jeff. I received a couple of calls today from Dr. Jim Lutschg (who is not adept at using email) informing me that he'd called the AMA to try to find out if the US Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee had favorable considered the Luther Terry stamp. He learned from Janet Williams, the AMA point-person on smoking, that not only did the Committee not decide in favor of issuing the stamp but also that the same organization (namely, the AMA) cannot resubmit this proposal

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for three years. Jim pointed out that President Carter used his influence to get four stamps issued of various flowers, and he asked me to write to you to urge Regina Benjamin to go to bat for this stamp. For that matter, I think enlisting Senators Sessions and Shelby (and the entire Congressional delegation) would be worth considering.

Roger, I have not heard anything from Janet Williams or anyone in the AMA and I am extremely disappointed that we cannot seem to influence the stamp committee to issue such an important stamp on the 50th anniversary. We need another game plan. I will be glad to speak to Regina but I would like to get the AMA's idea about where to go with this. We never were able to enlist the help of the states as we wanted to do and now this 3 year rule seems to be a problem. I will wait to here from you or Janet before I contact Dr Benjamin, Dr Wilson, or other board members.

Sincerely,

W. Jeff Terry, MD

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Received: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 09:00:04 AM CDT

From: "Roger Brown" <Roger.Brown@ama-assn.org>

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Subject: RE: Tobacco stamp resolution

Dr Terry,

I understand that Janet Williams will be in touch with you on this (if she hasn't already).
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From: Wm. Jeff Terry [mailto:jeffterry@usa.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 10:32 PM

To: Roger Brown; Donald Zeigler

Cc: Janet Williams; Sarah Duggan Goldstein; Saul Levin; Litjen Tan; Alan Blum; Jeff Terry

Subject: Fwd: Tobacco stamp resolution

Dear Roger and Donald,

I wanted to inquire as to the status of resolution 405 and the stamp

committee's hearing that was to be in July. I really don't want to drop the ball on this issue and I know this is going to be difficult since we are dealing with a government agency. Did anyone receive any correspondence from the committee about the results of our request for a stamp? If we get a favorable report for a stamp in 2014 then we can relax and perhaps start thinking of designs for the stamp. If we do not get a favorable report then we have our work cut out for us and we need to follow through with the rest of the resolution.

Sincerely,

W. Jeff Terry, MD
Chair, Alabama Delegation

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Received: Fri, 09 Jul 2010 03:14:59 PM CDT

From: "Donald Zeigler" <Donald.Zeigler@ama-assn.org>

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Subject: Tobacco stamp resolution

Dear Doctor Terry:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request for information on the action steps called for in Resolution 405 entitled "Issuing a Postage Stamp to Commemorate the First Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health (1964)."

I recently changed positions and the AMA and am now Director of Prevention and Healthier Lifestyles which includes tobacco. I received your communications about the tobacco stamp but was not certain of the answer to your questions in light of developments and slow communication with the Postal Service.

Drafted by my predecessor, Dr. Richard Yoast, Dr. James Rohack sent a detailed letter to the US Postal Service in April (see attached) calling for such a commemorative stamp. However, I believe that the AMA House of Delegates Reference Committee may not have been aware of the AMA letter and might have amended the resolution accordingly with that information. In May, the Postal Service acknowledged receipt of the AMA letter and indicated that the stamp advisory committee would meet with our request on its agenda. We have recently learned that the hearing will be sometime this month (date not disclosed). Even though they generally do not notify parties of the outcome, Postal Service staff promised to notify us in August about the committee's decision.

You asked about the resolution's second resolve calling for a sign-on letter. In as much as the request from the AMA to the USPS is in process and on the calendar at the July meeting, I suggest that we await the decision. It appears that the advisory committee would not welcome additional information, such as a sign-on letter, at this time - even if we could get it circulated.

However, if the request for a stamp is denied, we can use a sign-on letter campaign to ask for reconsideration.

We shall let you know as soon as we hear back from the Postal Service with, we trust, positive news. Thank you for your interest and role in commemorating this truly historical public health anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

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"Both in importance and time, health precedes disease. Therefore, we ought to consider first how health may be preserved, and then how one may best cure disease". Galen - 185 CE