



Luther Terry Commemorative Stamp Committee

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- Alan Blum, MD – Director, Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society, University of Alabama
- Jeffrey Terry, MD – Chairman, Alabama AMA State delegation,
- K. Michael Cummings, PhD, MPH – Professor, Medical University of South Carolina
- Bill Cassidy, MD – US Congressman Louisiana, 7th District

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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee

C/o Stamp Development

United States Postal Service

475 L'Efant Plaza SW, Room 3300

Washington, DC 20260-350

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Luther Terry Commemorative Stamp Committee, which includes Drs. James Lutschg, James Rohack, Alan Blum, Jeffrey Terry, Michael Cummings, and Congressman Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana). Our committee is requesting an update on the status of the Luther Terry Smoking and Health commemorative stamp request which we submitted to you back in April 5, 2010.

As background, on April 5, 2010 Dr. James Rohack president of the American Medical Association wrote to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to request that they consider issuing a postage stamp in 2014 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 First Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health. Congressman, Bill Cassidy, MD (R-Louisiana) also wrote to the chairperson of the Committee on June 8, 2010 asking them to support an official U.S. anti-smoking stamp. In May 11, 2010 Dr. Rohack received a letter back from Terrence W. McCaffrey manager of Stamp Development stating "this proposal will be submitted for review and consideration before the committee." Since that time, we have not received anything back in writing response to the request that was made. We are hopeful the committee will consider a commemorative stamp in honor of the 50th anniversary of the historic 1964 Surgeon General's report on smoking and health.

Our committee has collected hundreds of signatures from health professionals across the country in support of having the postal service issue a commemorative stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of the Surgeon General's report. The 50th anniversary of this report will be January 11, 2014, so we are hopeful that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee will give

serious consideration to this request. We have reviewed the selection criterion that guides the committee's decision making on commemorative stamps and we feel we are in compliance with these criteria.

We look forward to a positive response back from your committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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