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The Honorable C. Everett Koop, M.D.
Surgeon General
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Dear Dr. Koop:

It was a genuine pleasure to visit with you and hear your address to the Texas Legislature on March 26.

Your presentation was excellent. You discussed in a very forthright manner the critical, yet sensitive, issues which must be addressed regarding the AIDS epidemic.

At the moment, we face an uphill battle regarding state funding for AIDS prevention programs. Despite your timely remarks last Thursday, the following day the House Appropriations Committee deleted state funds being requested for such essential programs. But the Senate Finance Committee added funds, so we'll resolve it in Conference Committee.

Enclosed are newspaper articles pertaining to your visit and the House Appropriation Committee's actions.

As you mentioned, the AIDS epidemic deserves our immediate attention. I hope we will be able to successfully convince our House colleagues of the need to take a responsible and comprehensive approach to this public health crisis.

Again, it was a privilege to meet you, and I appreciate your leadership on this and other important health issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chet Brooks", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chet Brooks
Chairman

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