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Sister Mary Madonna Ashton Commissioner Minnesota State Dept. of Health 717 Delaware St. S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55440

Dear Commissioner:

Your strong statement on environmental and cancer surveillance is a major step forward. I am delighted to see the Health Department moving forward so vigorously in this area. Al Bender has done a splendid job. This will not only result in a better job of cancer documentation and prevention in this state, it will generate a great deal of research and other enterprise in the state.

Cordially

Hedry Blackburn, M.D. Professor and Director

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bcc:Al Bender '