



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman:

Thank you for your letter sharing your concerns about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) publication on Compendium of HIV Prevention Interventions with Evidence of Effectiveness. Specifically, you are requesting information about the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) role in the decision not to revise the Compendium at this time.

HHS remains committed to the dissemination of up-to-date effective interventions. As a result of your inquiry to me, I have directed the Department to examine the issue of a possible update to the Compendium. I will provide you with more details when they become available. For the time being, I am confident that the mechanisms being used for dissemination of the updated interventions are effective. I understand that CDC has already shared with you other departmental information directed toward this effort.

I appreciate your interest in this important public health issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O. Leavitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael O. Leavitt