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**Surgeon General**  
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**Public Health Service**  
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Dear Dr. Koop:

On behalf of the group which met with you on August 29 and of the 14.4 million Southern Baptists, I want to thank you for the courtesy extended us by your invitation to discuss the enormous problem which our country faces with the AIDS nightmare. We applaud your commitment to bringing forth a factual, candid report warning the nation of the many dangers posed to our citizens.

We look forward to receiving your report when it is published. We shall be exploring ways in which we may inform our constituency, and anyone else who will listen, of the dangers posed by AIDS and will strive to contextualize the problem within our Christian tradition's emphasis upon monogamy, sexual fidelity, drug-free living, and resistance to promiscuous life-styles.

Please be assured that your time with us will serve as a very helpful catalyst within our denomination for addressing the problem. Also be assured of our commitment to pray for you and the work which you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Braidfoot

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