

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

January 29, 2008

The Honorable Brent D. Sherard, M.D. Director and State Health Officer Wyoming Department of Health 401 Hathaway Building Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Dr. Sherard:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to the Vice President inviting him to attend the unveiling of Wyoming's state plan to address cardiovascular disease on February 14, 2008.

While the Vice President appreciates your extending this opportunity to him, due to the heavy commitments of his official responsibilities, we are unable to schedule his attendance. I know that you will understand that with the tremendous demands on his time, he must often miss special opportunities, as is the case this time.

You were kind to include the Vice President in your plans, and on his behalf I want to thank you for thinking of him and to convey his best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Kleppe Assistant to the Vice President

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