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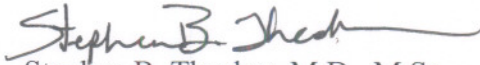
Dear Mr. McConnon:

Thank you for your letters forwarding the position statements adopted by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) during your 2003 and 2004 annual meeting.

Enclosed are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's responses to the position statements for which you requested our comments. These position statements were circulated and comments were solicited from the appropriate parties.

We look forward to continued collaboration with CSTE regarding public health issues of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures

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## **Epidemiology Program Office Comments**

### **CSTE Position Statement 04-EC-03, National Epidemiologist Awareness Day**

CDC welcomes the proposal to establish a National Epidemiologist Awareness Day. A key focus in our Futures Initiative has been on improving the promotion, or “marketing,” of the vitally important work done by epidemiologists and other public health professionals. Our newly formed Office of Workforce and Career Development has a strong interest in increasing the pipeline for those entering public health epidemiology, and OWCD staff would be glad to work with CSTE and other organizations on promotion of a National Epidemiologist Awareness Day.