Attachment 9b. Comment to Initial 60-Day Notice

Behavioral Assessment Component of the Behavioral Assessment and Rapid Testing (BART) Project

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Comment

From: INFO PEWTRUSTS.ORG [mailto:usacitizen1@live.com] Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2010 7:37 PM To: thelma.sims@cdc.gov; OMB-Comments (CDC); americanvoices@mail.house.gov; comments@whitehouse.gov; sf.nancy@mail.house.gov; info@taxpayer.net; media@cagw.org; iinfo@starmagazine.com Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER FW: youve done behavioral

assessments for the past 30 years - shut this down

STOP EXPANDING INTO NEW PROJECTS. THE TAXPAYERS HAVE BEEN FLEECED QUITE ENOUGH IN THE LAST 50 YEARS BY THIS FIGHT. THESE HIV AFFECTED PEOPLE KNOW BY NOW WHAT ACTIVITIES COST THEM ILLNESS. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. IT IS TIME THAT TAXPAYERS STOP OPENING THEIR WALLETS AND BEING FLEECED TO PAY FOR HAZARDOUS BEHAVIOR. TAXPAYERSALSO SHOULDNT HAVE TO PAY HIGH PRICED HIGH PAY WASHINGON BUREAUCRATS TO DO ANY MORE IN THIS AREA. TAXPAYERS HAVE ALREADY SPENT HUNDREDS OF GAZILLIONSOF DOLLARS TO FIGHT THIS ISSUE. IT IS TIME TO ASK THOSE IN THIS AREA TO TAKE SPECIFIC STEPS TO PROTECT THEIR OWN LIVES. I OPPOSE THIS SPENDING. I OPPOSE THIS NEW PROGRAM UNLESS IT IS FULLY FUNDED BY A TAX ON THOSE WHO HAVE THIS DISEASE. PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HAZAFDOUS AREAS NEED TO MODIFY THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR. NOBODY CAN SAVE THEM IF THEY DONT TAKE STEPS TO SAVE THEMSELVES. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your comments concerning the CDC 60 Day Federal Register Notice for CDC # 0920-10GT, Behavioral Assessment Component of the Behavioral Assessment and Rapid Testing (BART) Project. We have given the concerns you described careful consideration. For further information regarding the unique mission of CDC, please refer to our website at <u>www.cdc.gov</u>.

Thank you for your continued interest in CDC.

Sincerely, Peter Thomas, PhD, MPH LCDR, USPHS Senior Research Scientist/ Epidemiologist Behavioral Assessment and Rapid Testing Project (BART) CDC/NCHHSTP/DHAP/Special Studies and Diagnostic Team 1600 Clifton Road, MS E-46 Atlanta, GA 30333