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Catherine, Please see if Director Stirling would meet with us about the topic described below. Thanks

Sincerely,  
Kevin

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Mr. Bryant,

Your Honor, as you may now know, our group is extremely proactive oriented when it comes to Healthcare as a whole. Our main focus is patient advocacy in order to provide a reduction in the overall Healthcare cost. As the old adage and quote by Mr. Benjamin Franklin goes "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Albeit Mr. Franklin was speaking in terms of Fire Prevention at the time, it is as true and applicable today for our healthcare system as it was back when he was addressing his constituents in Philadelphia to create the first volunteer firefighting organization.

I bring this up as I have come across a few interesting articles that I have included below; addressing a major concern with inmates in our correctional facilities. During our conversations we have touched on not only an AntiMicrobial Stewardship but also an Antibiotic Stewardship as 70% of all prescriptions are prescribed inaccurately or are maintained unnecessarily or in my personal opinion perhaps a lack of oversight due to many mitigating factors such as over worked and under staffed.

That being said, multiple studies show that the top infections and diseases in correction facilities are either Respiratory or Bloodborne pathogens. As our society continues to develop we are becoming more aware and garnering a further understanding that coincides with Mr. Franklin's quote for the betterment of all.

My thoughts are and would appreciate to hear your thoughts on the following: If South Carolina would establish a program to evaluate a test market in correctional facilities to begin proactive testing for both Respiratory Panels and Bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis would we be able to prevent

the spread of these infections and diseases throughout the population by being able to accurately detect and diagnose at the infancy of the inmates incarceration period? Would we be providing a much needed service that effectively and efficiently continues to reduce our overall Healthcare costs?

As our current and future leader of the great state of South Carolina, as well as being a Pharmacist by trade I thought it appropriate to bring this to your attention and ask for your evaluation and thoughts. My intention is for discussion and educational purposes only and not intended to overstep my position as a healthcare advocate.

I appreciate all of our conversations and the time you personally provide to not only myself but to the citizens of our state. I greatly look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
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