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Rear Admiral, US Public Health Service
Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis,
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Dear Dr. Mermin,

I would like to invite you to chair the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the Hepatitis C Elimination Program in Georgia. As you know, with the significant support of CDC an unprecedented HCV Elimination Program was launched in Georgia which had positive impact on population's health and wellbeing.

The group of experts that come together annually every Fall, traditionally at the end of November, are key in guiding this program and ensuring that targets are met; this year the dates are 28 – 30 November 2018. Beginning with the first TAG meeting in 2015, a senior CDC scientist has chaired the TAG, and I would be honored if you accept this important role.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity and invite you to visit Georgia anytime before the TAG meeting, if time allows, to meet stakeholders and see the great progress of the program.

Sincerely yours,

Minister

David Sergeenko