

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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Dr. Kimberly M. Thompson  
Adjunct Associate Professor, Harvard School of Public Health  
President, Kid Risk, Inc.  
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Dear Dr. Thompson,

The goal of a polio free world is Rotary International's highest priority, to which our 1.2 million members in over 170 countries have devoted more than US\$800 million and countless hours of volunteer service. In addition to providing financial support, Rotarians in donor countries work to ensure that they fulfill their commitment to provide vital financial resources. Meanwhile, our Rotarian leaders in the polio-affected countries advocate for political commitment from the community to the national level. We are doing our best to ensure that we finish the job into which the world has invested so much.

Rotary very much appreciates your current efforts to better characterize the benefits of polio prevention and the costs associated with polio treatments around the world. The 2009 Kid Risk survey of Ministers of Health and your efforts to collect additional data from national polio experts represent critical activities that we fully support. We expect that the data will influence national and global health policies related to polio, and we look forward to working with you and our partners to encourage as much participation in these efforts as possible. Please feel free to share a copy of this letter showing our support for the survey as you contact national health leaders.

We wish you much success with your project and will be sharing information about it with our Rotary club members in both donor and polio affected countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Scott".

Robert S. Scott  
Chair, International PolioPlus Committee

Cc: Dr. John Sever, Vice-chair, International PolioPlus Committee  
Ms. Carol Pandak, Manager, Division of PolioPlus