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Dear Mr. Horberg:

I have twice attempted to answer your survey.

I answered that I have a cough.
 Then it asked my best estimate of when it began.

I put in a date in the 1950s,
 when I started smoking,
 AND IT CORRECTED ME, viz:

>Please enter a date between 5/16/2020 and 6/16/2020. Use the '/' to separate
the month, day, and year. For example type 07/04/2020 to represent July 4,
2020.

What the hell is that about?
 You're telling me my cough couldn't have started
 before April 7 of this year.
 You could at least have offered the option "earlier",
 in case it had been in MARCH!
 (Or in my case, at age 15).

Please consider writing questionnaires that accept honest answers.

Note also that good programmers do not require
 a specific date format. With one line of code
 (called a "regular expresssion")
 the program can convert a date in any format whatever.
 (Most programmers who write public-facing code
  are lazy bullies.
  Note that I have been in the computer field sixty years.,
  so I know.)

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