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Dear Dr. Mosher:

Your March 14 letter to Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for reply. In your letter, you offered comments about the need to consider other types of coding technologies as part of FDA's bar code proposal.

In order for your comments and suggestions to be considered as part of the final rule for bar codes, I have forwarded your letter to FDA's Docket Management Branch so that it will be made part of the formal record for this rulemaking initiative (Dkt. #02N-0204). As I am sure you are aware, bar coding as a means to reducing medical errors and improving patient safety remains a high priority for the Department and FDA. Your input on this topic is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter D. Osborne".

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cc: Dockets Management Branch

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