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Dear Dr. Prentice:

I am writing to extend my appreciation to you and the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections for your recent recommendations.

I have asked Dr. Schwetz and his staff to move forward on as many of these recommendations as possible and to advise me of their progress.

Thank you and the Committee for your dedication and commitment to the protection of human research subjects. I look forward to future updates.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Leavitt