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Dear Dr. Tuckson:

Thank you and the Secretary's Advisory committee on Genetics, Health and Society (SACGHS) for your correspondence about our collective efforts to assess and enhance current systems for the oversight of genetic testing. Your commitment to fulfilling the charge you have been given is commendable. I greatly appreciate the fact-finding, consultation, and analysis you are undertaking and am looking forward to receiving a report of your deliberations and recommendations. I, too, am hopeful that our combined efforts will help clarify and improve our regulatory systems and preserve innovation and patient access to safe genetic tests.

Thank you again for your ongoing service to HHS and for all of the work you are doing to address priority issues at the intersection of genetics, health and society.

Sincerely,

  
Michael O. Leavitt