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Dear Dr. Schuchat:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Thursday, November 19, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "U.S. Public Health Preparedness for Seasonal Influenza: Has the Response Improved?"

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Thursday, December 24, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Greg Watson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Greg.Watson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,


Tim Murphy
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Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Michael Burgess, M.D.

The National Adult Immunization Plan released this year identified lack of coordination among health stakeholders as one of its four priority goals for improving adult immunization rates.

1. What role does health IT play in helping improve health coordination?
2. What is the CDC's role in supporting public health agencies and encouraging bidirectional communication with physicians? Since the Meaningful Use program requires physicians to e-prescribe and to input immunization data into registries what are the capabilities for bidirectional communication from pharmacies and public health departments back to physicians?
3. Some physicians report that submitting data to their state registries is seamless while others say that they must input data manually or that a few states do not have much of a registry at all. How would you describe interoperability among state registries?