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Dear Dr. Dafny:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on February 14, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of Health Care Consolidation."

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 Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Ali Fulling, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Ali.Fulling@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ali.Fulling@mail.house.gov).

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

Sincerely,



Gregg Harper  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

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

Attachment

## **Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record**

### **The Honorable Michael C. Burgess**

1. You write in your 2016 article entitled “Health Care Needs Real Competition” that continually improving electronic health record interoperability across delivery systems has major implications for competition. Can you explain the role that electronic health records and data could play in the competitiveness of the health care market?

### **The Honorable Yvette Clarke**

1. The current average price for a pair of eyeglasses is now around \$400 per pair. Even as the price of eyeglasses is rising year-over-year, the eyewear industry is considering further consolidation. As it stands now, the market for eyeglass frames in the U.S. is largely dominated by one company, Luxottica, which owns and manufactures many of the top eyewear and sunglass brands. Notwithstanding its market dominance, Luxottica has proposed a merger with Essilor, a French company that controls around 70% of the market share for lenses and the equipment to produce them. Together, a combined Luxottica-Essilor company would control and dominate the entire supply chain in the eyewear market.
  - a. How do you think this merger will impact the price of eyeglasses?
  - b. Do you think this merger will make it more difficult for smaller frame manufacturers, rival lens producers, and independent optometrists to compete and negotiate for market-based prices?