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The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Health  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pitts:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 to testify at the hearing entitled "21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures: Examining the Role of Incentives in Advancing Treatments and Cures for Patients."

I have received your letter dated July 1, 2014 and the additional question presented by Congressman Burgess. I hereby submit my formal response for the hearing record.

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess

**Would you comment on some of the barriers that Class III medical device manufacturers face when seeking coverage and payment from CMS for innovative cutting edge technology that improves the lives of patients?**

This question is outside of my area of expertise and I am unfamiliar with the issue raised.

Sincerely,

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