

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Rear Admiral Steve Redd
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Dear Admiral Redd:

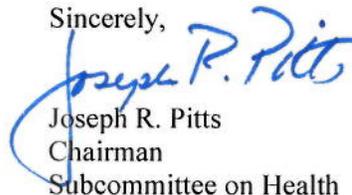
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic."

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, January 22, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Adrianna Simonelli, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Adrianna.Simonelli@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,


Joseph R. Pitts
Chairman
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts

1. As you know, BARDA and CDC need to coordinate efforts as Medical Countermeasures (MCM) products transition from the advanced research and development phase to the approval phase, and stockpiling in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). I believe BARDA and CDC must do a better job working together to avoid any gaps or delays that could be created if the agencies have conflicting stockpiling priorities. What steps do you think BARDA and CDC could take to improve coordination of the SNS?
2. How are you ensuring we are maintaining adequate supplies of approved and purchased medical countermeasures?

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel

1. Despite our best efforts, we know the only way to ensure there are no Ebola cases in the United States are to end the outbreak in West Africa. UN Special Envoy on Ebola, Dr. David Nabarro, recently said the extraordinary global response over the past month has made him hopeful the outbreak could end in 2015, but he made clear that efforts to contain the disease is not even a quarter done. What are the key components that are still lacking in the international response? How would CDC utilize the proposed funding in the supplemental request to address these needs?
2. Currently the UN is leading their Ebola response from Ghana, but many countries could benefit by having an Ebola readiness and response mechanisms in place to bolster the resilience, technology and infrastructure in the region in order to respond to this and future outbreaks. What has the United States done to aid countries that are directly affected by, and/or adjoining to neighboring countries directly affected by, with respect to Ebola and blood safety and preparedness?