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The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, M.D. 2161 Rayburn House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Dr. Burgess,

Thank you for your May 8^{th} letter requesting a legislative hearing regarding the Strategic National Stockpile.

You are correct that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed deficiencies in the Strategic National Stockpile and that reforms should be made. I believe it is an issue that deserves Congressional action and I have partnered with Representative Susan W. Brooks on a bipartisan bill to improve the Strategic National Stockpile's operations by allowing the Stockpile to sell soon-to-expire products and reinvest the proceeds into new supplies.

I stand ready to hold a hearing on this issue and will work with you and others to make the hearing an excellent one.

Sincerely,

Anna G. Eshoo Chairwoman

Subcommittee on Health

Energy and Commerce Committee