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Dr. Christopher Longhurst, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Longhurst:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, to testify at the hearing entitled "Understanding How AI is Changing Health Care."

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 and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, January 5, 2024. Your responses should be mailed to Emma Schultheis, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Emma.Schultheis@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emma.Schultheis@mail.house.gov).

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

Sincerely,



Brett Guthrie  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Health

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

### **The Honorable Earl “Buddy” Carter**

1. Dr. Longhurst - AI relies on huge datasets to work, and that means we need to make sure that data is safe, secure, and private. Can you help me understand what the health care system does to first, protect patient health data, and second, what more might be needed to keep that information secure and private?
2. How do you think AI and medical liability intersect? Can you see litigation increase if doctors DON'T utilize AI in their clinical decision making.

### **The Honorable Nanette Barragán**

1. We know that addressing social determinants of health is critical to closing gaps in health disparities. However, this data – such as a person’s access to housing or their exposure to poor air quality – is not covered by HIPAA. Are you aware of any methods to ensure data used from third-party repositories were gathered with patient consent?