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Dear Mr. Garcia:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, to testify at the hearing entitled “Examining Health Sector Cybersecurity in the Wake of the Change Healthcare Attack.”

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, June 11, 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.

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

Sincerely,



Brett Guthrie
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cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Earl “Buddy” Carter

1. As these challenges have persisted for weeks, pharmacies continue to encounter challenges with delayed reimbursement and processing manufacturer coupons and copay assistance programs that some of their patients rely on to access essential medications. Given this ongoing impact, what preventative steps can be taken to expedite restoration for pharmacies and their patients amid future incidents and to help mitigate the impact on pharmacies and patients?

The Honorable Nanette Barragán

1. We know that this cyberattack impacted the ability of patients to obtain their medications due to the impact on pharmacy systems. One hospital in California reported that they had to readmit a patient because a patient was unable to afford their medication after discharge since the coupon systems were down. What further actions are needed to support pharmacies in these events and ensure that patients are able to access the medications they need?