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Mr. Jose Arrieta  
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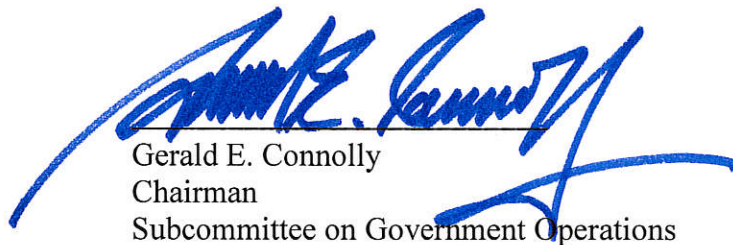
Dear Mr. Arrieta:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to you and submitted to the official record for the hearing that was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, titled, "To The Cloud! The Cloudy Role of FedRAMP in IT Modernization."

In order to ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Committee on or before Tuesday, August 13, 2019, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Clerk, at [Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Mark Meadows, Ranking Member

**Questions for Mr. Jose Arrieta  
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly**

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1. Does the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Marketplace have sufficient cloud service offerings for your agency to meet its information technology modernization goals? If not, what types of products and services are lacking?
2. Are there additional requirements or processes that FedRAMP could adopt to make it easier for your agency to accept and reuse a FedRAMP authorization?
3. Does your agency consider a Joint Authorization Board (JAB) provisional authorization to operate and an agency authorization that has received a FedRAMP Program Management Office authorization the same? If not, what makes one more reliable or easier to reuse than the other?
4. Why may it be challenging for an agency to sponsor a cloud service provider through the FedRAMP authorization process?
5. How can the FedRAMP PMO incentivize more agencies to sponsor cloud products through the FedRAMP authorization process?

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1. Could you please explain three obstacles that delay a FedRAMP authorization?
2. Given how DOJ and HHS both operate in the national security and non-national security environments, how does this unique environment present challenges and opportunities in a FedRAMP context?