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Dear Dr. Martini:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Friday, April 26, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled, “Does HIPAA Help or Hinder Patient Care and Public Safety?”

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 by the close of business on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at brittany.havens@mail.house.gov and mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tim Murphy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment
Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. Why do you think there are so many misconceptions about HIPAA? Do you think more training would help dispel the myths that many health workers have about the law? Whose responsibility is it to dispel these myths and clarify the privacy rule?

2. Do you have any thoughts on how well HHS has communicated with the health profession? Do you think HHS needs to dialogue more with doctors and professional associations? What would this dialogue look like?