April 19, 2013

Mr. Leon Rodriguez  
Director  
Office for Civil Rights  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Thank you for agreeing to testify on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, at the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing entitled, “Does HIPAA Help or Hinder Patient Care and Public Safety?”

The attached documents provide important details concerning the preparation and presentation of your testimony.

- The first attachment describes the form your testimony must take.
- The second attachment provides you with Electronic Format Guidelines that detail how to file testimony electronically.
- The third attachment provides you the Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- The fourth attachment provides you with a Truth-in-Testimony Disclosure form and a Truth-in-Testimony instruction sheet.

Please be aware that, in accordance with the Committee’s usual practice:

(1) Witnesses will be required to provide sworn testimony;
(2) Witnesses have a right to be represented by counsel, who may advise the witnesses on their Constitutional rights, but cannot testify. If appearing as a witness, the counsel will be sworn in; and,

(3) Hearings are open to audio, video, and photographic coverage by accredited press representatives only.

If you have any questions concerning any aspect of your testimony, please contact Sam Spector of the Energy and Commerce Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Enclosures:  
(1) Form of Testimony  
(2) Electronic Format Guidelines  
(3) Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce  
(4) Truth-in-Testimony Disclosure form