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Dear Dr. Niloff:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology and Subcommittee on Health on July 17, 2014, to testify at the joint hearing entitled "21st Century Technology for 21st Century Cures."

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.

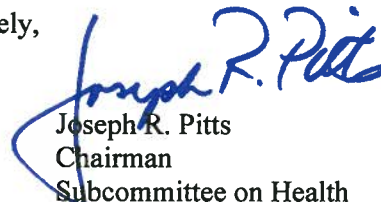
To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Your responses should be mailed to Charlotte Savercool, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov](mailto:Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov).

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



Greg Walden  
Chairman  
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Sincerely,



Joseph R. Pitts  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
Frank Pallone, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

## **Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record**

### **The Honorable Joe Pitts**

1. You state in your testimony that “Health IT will drive quality improvements, make our care delivery system more efficient and improve the experience for patients and their families.” In what ways do you see Health IT improving the lives of patients?
  - In your opinion, what barriers currently exist that might otherwise inhibit such potential.
2. You state in your testimony that “McKesson has decades of experience serving the health IT needs of the largest and most diverse provider base in the industry...and manage millions of aggregated personal health records.” What role can data aggregation and analytics play in the search for new cures?
3. One of your recommendations for advancing 21st Century Cures is what you term “fully harnessing the potential of interoperable technology.” In your opinion, are we talking about electronic health records alone or do you think that medical devices and other health care sources of data should also be interoperable?
4. In your testimony, you mention that McKesson “supports a collaborative effort among all healthcare stakeholders to develop uniform standards, coordinated policies and the infrastructure necessary to support secure health information exchange.” You then go on to mention the CommonWell Health Alliance as part of the solution to this goal. Can you explain what the CommonWell Health Alliance is? How can an effort like the Common Well Health Alliance solve issues of interoperability that we are currently experiencing?

### **The Honorable Anna Eshoo**

1. What are your top two policy recommendations that Congress could undertake to improve the adoption of telemedicine?
2. What are additional steps we can take to encourage interoperability with electronic health records, while ensuring patient privacy and HIPPA standards?