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The Honorable Brett Giroir, M.D.
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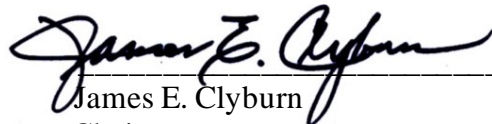
Dear Assistant Secretary Giroir:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to you and submitted to the official record for the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis hearing on “The Administration’s Efforts to Procure, Stockpile, and Distribute Critical Supplies” held on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

In order to ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Subcommittee by Thursday, July 30, 2020, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Subcommittee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Senam Okpattah, Staff Assistant, at Senam.Okpattah@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,


James E. Clyburn
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cc: The Honorable Steve Scalise, Ranking Member

Questions for The Honorable Brett Giroir, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services
Questions from Congressman Raskin

Thursday, July 2, 2020, Hearing: “The Administration’s Efforts to Procure, Stockpile, and Distribute Critical Supplies”

1. Please describe all plans to provide continuing federal support for community testing sites.
2. What effort is HHS undertaking to track current and projected needs for testing kits and related supplies across the country? Please describe how often these projections are updated, what inputs and assumption are used to determine them, which populations the projection account for, and any breakdown of projected need by state or other locality.
3. Does the country currently have enough testing kits and related supplies to deal with the potential for an exponential increase in coronavirus cases, and all of the hospitalizations that will go with that?
4. How long do you intend to remain in your role as the country’s lead testing official and is there a date on which you intend to return to your regular duties at HHS? Which federal official will be responsible for coordinating the national testing strategy after you?

Questions for The Honorable Brett Giroir, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services
Questions from Congressman Kim

Thursday, July 2, 2020, Hearing: “The Administration’s Efforts to Procure, Stockpile, and Distribute Critical Supplies”

1. Please describe all efforts to purchase testing kits and related supplies in bulk and to negotiate better prices and faster delivery than would be available to multiple purchasers making smaller orders? Is there a plan to continue to procure testing kits and related supplies through the Strategic National Stockpile to meet the increase in demand?
2. Where is the U.S. currently obtaining testing kits and related supplies? Please provide source information by company and place of origin including items imported and domestically produced.
3. Regarding testing kits and related supplies, how much is the domestic private sector able to produce beyond its current output, and what are the barriers currently preventing this production?
4. Before issuing contracts with private testing companies, did the federal government take steps to ensure that the contracted companies had the capabilities to meet expectations set out in the contracts?