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Dear Dr. Erwin:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at the hearing entitled "Post Katrina Health Care: Continuing Concerns and Immediate Needs in the New Orleans Region." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open to permit Members to submit additional questions to the witnesses. Attached are questions directed to you from certain Members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your response to the Member who has submitted the question and include the text of the Member's question along with your response. In the event you have been asked questions from more than one Member of the Committee, please begin the responses to each Member on a new page.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, your responses to these questions should be received no later than the close of business Friday, April 13, 2007. Your written responses should be delivered to 2125 Rayburn House Office Building and faxed to (202) 225-5288 to the attention of Rachel Bleshman, Staff Assistant. An electronic version of your response should also be sent by e-mail to Rachel Bleshman at [rachel.bleshman@mail.house.gov](mailto:rachel.bleshman@mail.house.gov) in a single Word or WordPerfect formatted document.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Rachel Bleshman at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



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CHAIRMAN

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Ed Whitfield

1. What, in your view, is needed to expand Federally Qualified Health Centers in the New Orleans region, especially Orleans Parish? Please describe any impediments that you would anticipate at the federal, state, or local level if you were to seek federally qualified status for Saint Thomas Community Health Center.