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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is continuing its examination of the U.S. public health response to seasonal influenza. We appreciated FDA's participation and testimony at the hearing on February 3, 2015.

The committee seeks further information regarding the U.S. public health response to seasonal influenza. We believe understanding the lessons from this influenza season could improve the U.S. public health response in the future, particularly to a severe influenza season with a mismatched vaccine, and possibly save thousands of lives.

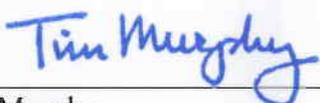
To assist the Committee's inquiry please respond to the following questions by March 23, 2015:

1. How is BARDA's work improving the effectiveness of influenza vaccines?
2. How is BARDA's work improving strain selection decisions?
3. How is BARDA's work improving influenza vaccine manufacturing, accelerating the production process, and increasing manufacturing capacity?
4. How is BARDA's work helping to improve overall recognition of influenza virus mutations?

5. Has BARDA's work identified any areas that could improve the speed and/or accuracy of the decision-making process for the U.S. public health response to seasonal influenza? If so, please explain.
6. Does any of BARDA's work relate to improving the tracking of influenza vaccine effectiveness? If so, please explain.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Alan Slobodin with the committee staff at (202) 225-2927 and Elizabeth Letter of the Democratic committee staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member