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Dear Dr. Teutsch:

I am writing to thank you and the members of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society (SACGHS) for your report *Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing*. I appreciate the Committee's analysis of areas that should be addressed to maximize the benefits and minimize the harms of direct-to-consumer genetic testing.

My staff will keep you apprised of our progress in reviewing the report and assessing the feasibility of implementing the Committee's recommended action steps.

Thank you for the SACGHS's advice on this important topic and for your dedicated service to the Department and the Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Sebelius". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kathleen Sebelius