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Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
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Dear Dr. Rucker:

As part of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee's (HITAC) responsibilities pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act), the HITAC submits the attached *HITAC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018* for your consideration and for subsequent transmittal to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress.

The Cures Act specifies interoperability, privacy and security, and patient access to information as the three priority target areas where HITAC should focus its activities. These priority target areas are an organizing principle related to the HITAC's current and future work. These priority target areas also provided an organizing principle for this report.

This report complies with the Cures Act directive across the priority target areas by:

- Reviewing fiscal year 2018 (FY18) HITAC activities;
- Describing the landscape of health information technology infrastructure;
- Analyzing infrastructure gaps; and
- Offering recommendations for future HITAC activities in the priority target areas.

We look forward to our upcoming work with ONC on our shared goal of advancing the state of health information technology.

Respectfully submitted,

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