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Dear Dr. Tripathi:

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 2023* and *Supplemental Background Research* document for your consideration and for subsequent transmittal to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress.

The Cures Act specifies the use of technologies that support public health, interoperability, privacy and security, and patient access to information as among the target areas where HITAC should focus its activities. These target areas are an organizing principle for the HITAC's current and future work, and therefore for this report.

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

- Reviewing fiscal year 2023 (FY23) HITAC activities;
- Describing the landscape of health information technology infrastructure;
- Analyzing infrastructure gaps; and
- Offering recommendations for future HITAC activities in the target areas.

The commitment and diverse expertise of the HITAC members, as well as public members who participated on subcommittees and the team at the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) supporting this effort, have brought both energy and insight to this assessment of the U.S. health IT infrastructure. We look forward to another busy year as the HITAC continues to identify and promote use of better information and technology to improve care delivery and the health and well-being of everyone in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

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