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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 *Genetics Education and Training*. I appreciate the Committee's information-gathering efforts and analyses that identified the genetics education and training needs of point-of-care health professionals, the public health workforce, and patients and consumers.

My staff will assess the feasibility of implementing the Committee's recommendations. We recognize that improving genetics education and training is critical to ensuring the appropriate and effective integration of genetic and genomic technologies and services in health care, and equitable access to those technologies and services.

As the Committee's business comes to closure, I want to thank you for the advice SACGHS has provided on a range of important topics. Your dedicated service to the Department and the nation is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Sebelius