

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired) Senior Vice President Scientific Applications International Corporation 656 Lynn Shores Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Dear Dr. Parker:

I appreciate the National Biodefense Science Board's (NBSB) comprehensive review of the Department of Health and Human Services' 2012 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategy and Implementation Plan.

I look to the talented members of the NBSB for their expertise and continued support of our ongoing project to ensure that our nation has the appropriate medical countermeasures to counter any unanticipated chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or emerging infectious disease threats.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the protection and resilience of our nation.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sebelius