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Mr. Charles E. Johnson  
Acting Secretary  
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Dear Acting Secretary Johnson:

We are contacting you to obtain more information about efforts that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has undertaken in regards to swine flu. In anticipation of the Committee on Energy and Commerce hearing on this matter that is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009, we would like to obtain answers to the following questions:

1. What is HHS doing to work with affected industries in response to the swine flu threat?
2. How is HHS using the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) as part of the federal swine flu response, and/or as part of federal pandemic flu preparedness?
3. What factors does HHS need to weigh in any decision to close the borders?
4. What factors does HHS need to weigh in any advisories for social distancing to prevent the spread of swine flu?
5. Does the Administration support providing home medical kits to as many households as possible in advance of a crisis?
6. Once States receive anti-viral medication from the national stockpile, how are States going to distribute these products to infected and high risk individuals?

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would hope that your testimony on Thursday might cover these issues, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce



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Nathan Deal  
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cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman  
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