



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

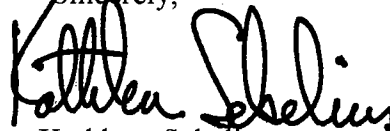
January 14, 2011

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman, Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 401(d)(2) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended, I am notifying you that I have determined it necessary to establish the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The new center is being established to enhance the therapeutic development process and will encompass multiple programs at NIH. I have further determined that the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) is no longer required, and I am further notifying you of the transfer of relevant NCRR functions and programs to the new center in FY 2012. Any functions currently at NCRR that do not involve translational sciences will be transferred to other existing Institutes and Centers at NIH, as appropriate. To make these assessments, NIH will undertake a thorough scientific review of NCRR programs. I am making this determination based on information provided to me by the NIH Director.

Sincerely,


Kathleen Sebelius



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The Honorable Michael B. Enzi
Ranking Member, Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Enzi:

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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member, Committee on
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Waxman:

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