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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for submitting the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality's (SACIM) report with recommendations for developing a federal action plan to reduce infant mortality.

Addressing health disparities, particularly infant mortality, is a top priority for the Department. The Affordable Care Act will provide our country with many opportunities to refocus efforts on these important issues. I look forward to identifying how this report will coordinate with our Affordable Care Act implementation activities. My staff will thoroughly review the report, and I am confident that the strategic directions and ideas outlined in it will help guide and inform us.

Again, I appreciate the hard work of SACIM in preparing this report and recognize the valuable role you play in improving the health of pregnant women and infants. The Department will continue to rely on your advice and expertise in our efforts to reduce infant mortality in the future.

Sincerely,

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