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Dear Dr. Powell:

Secretary Azar has asked me to thank you for your letter highlighting the Committee's report, *Medical Foods for Inborn Errors of Metabolism: The Critical Need to Improve Patient Access*. Thank you for providing an informative summary of the current landscape of medical foods in the United States and outlining the challenges faced by individuals living with inborn errors of metabolism (IEM). I recognize the important role medical foods plays for individuals living with an IEM and appreciate the information provided in the report.

I value the information and advice the Committee provides to the Department and appreciate the Committee's work on this matter.

I will also provide this response to Dr. Bocchini.

Sincerely,

/s/

Thomas J. Engels
Acting Administrator