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Dear Dr. Collins:

Thank you for your letters on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (ACIM) transmitting reports from the Subcommittees on Clinical and Public Practices, Eliminating Health Disparities, and Funding and Financing.

I assure you that my staff and I recognize the importance of protecting the health of pregnant women and children. We are reviewing the reports and will take their recommendations under advisement.

Thank you for your continued leadership on these important matters. I appreciate ACIM's advice and willingness to take on these challenges in pursuit of reducing infant mortality and improving the health of the Nation's mothers and children. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael O. Leavitt

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