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Dear Ms. Luthy:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Azar submitting the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines' (ACCV) recommendation to develop an exit questionnaire to determine petitioners' opinions related to their experiences with the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). He has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

The ACCV's advice and recommendations for improving the VICP play a vital role in our public health efforts. Please be assured that this recommendation will receive a careful review within the Department.

I appreciate your commitment in this area and look forward to continuing to work with you on the important vaccine issues facing our nation. A similar response has been sent to Dr. H. Cody Meissner, Co-Chair of the ACCV, who co-signed your letter.

Sincerely,

/s/

George Sigounas, MS, Ph.D.  
Administrator