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Dear Dr. Mostashari:

I submit to you my recommendation for Mr. Justin Barnes to become a member of the Food and Drug Administration Safety Innovation Act (FDASIA) Workgroup. I have worked with Justin throughout my Congressional career and I consider him a knowledgeable source on health care and health information technology issues.

In his capacity as a founder and Chairman Emeritus of the HIMSS Electronic Health Record Association, Co-Chairman of the Accountable Care Community of Practice and HIT industry expert through his work as Vice President of Greenway Medical Technologies, Justin has testified before several of the Congressional committees, including the House Energy and Commerce Committee, of which I am a member. In each appearance, Justin distinguished himself as a competent expert on important issues facing health care and health information technology.

His broad knowledge and industry expertise set him apart from his peers. I believe those qualities make him a valuable asset to the FDASIA Workgroup's efforts to inform on the development of a robust, risk-based regulatory framework for health information technology.

Sincerely,

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