



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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David Sergeenko
Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs
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Dear Minister Sergeenko:

Please accept my personal thanks for joining the Global Health Security Agenda meeting at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on February 13, 2014. It was an honor for me to host this gathering, and I appreciate your partnership in this effort.

I was pleased you joined me in Washington, D.C., and I thank you for your remarks; they were well received. Our countries have a long history of collaboration through the Lugar Center for Public Health Research. This laboratory is important to regional disease surveillance and has enhanced disease detection throughout the Eastern European region. Thank you for highlighting this partnership. I look forward to the laboratory's confirmation as an official WHO Collaborating Center.

Thank you again for joining me for this launch meeting and for your leadership in this endeavor. I look forward to continuing our work toward a more safe and secure world.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sebelius

Many thanks for braving the snow
in DC to join us at HHS.