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Dear Dr. Sergeenko:

I am pleased, in my role as chair, to forward to you and the Georgian Ministry of Labour, Health, and Social Affairs (MOLHSA) the recommendations from the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the Georgian HCV Elimination Program. As you know, this is the third opportunity for the TAG to review the progress of the program. As we note in the introduction to the recommendations, we are very impressed with the commitment of the MOLHSA and other key implementing partners to the program and the large increases in the number of persons treated for HCV since the inaugural TAG meeting. I congratulate you on these accomplishments. The TAG developed the recommendations to assist the MOLHSA implement the Georgian HCV Elimination plan. I hope you find the recommendations useful in setting priorities for implementation in 2018. Please let me know if you have questions or comments about the recommendations. Please also know that I and the other TAG members are available through the year to respond to inquiries regarding strategies for implementing TAG recommendations. As you might be aware, on March 5, I will be assigned by CDC to the Task Force for Global Health to assist development of hepatitis B and hepatitis C elimination. I hope this give me more time to assist, as needs arise, the Georgia Hepatitis C Elimination Program. I wish you and the Hepatitis C elimination program continued success in the coming year.

Regards:



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