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Dear Dr. Bracey:

Please accept my appreciation for the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA) following its November 2009 meeting. The Department welcomes the Committee's observations and will give serious consideration to its recommendations.

Through participation on the ACBSA you and its members have provided an invaluable service to the Department in addressing this important public health issue. I look forward to future updates on transfusion and transplantation safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Sebelius", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathleen Sebelius