



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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The Honorable C.W. Bill Young
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

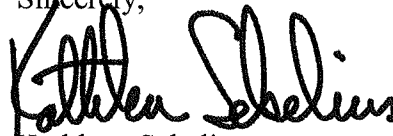
Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Department of Health and Human Services' plans for stockpiling and distributing potassium iodide (KI) in the event of a nuclear emergency in the United States.

I share your concern about the vital need to ensure that potassium iodide is distributed to populations at a sufficient radius from a nuclear incident to protect the lives of all who might be exposed to radioactive iodine. The Department is currently undertaking a review of this issue, and a response to your specific questions will be provided once the review is completed.

I appreciate your continued recognition of the importance of public health emergency preparedness, and I look forward to working with you on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,



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