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Dear Dr. Kumar and Dr. Chapman:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Xavier Becerra regarding the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's (NASEM's) February 2022 report, "Realizing the Promise of Equity in the Organ Transplantation System." He has asked me to respond to you on his behalf. The American Society of Transplantation and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons play important roles in the solid organ transplantation community.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration is actively reviewing the findings and recommendations from the NASEM report, as well as input from a wide variety of additional stakeholders, to enhance and improve multiple elements within the nation's organ donation, procurement, and transplantation system. The U.S. organ transplant system is built upon and guided by the knowledge and expertise that patients, organ donors and their families, health professionals, medical experts, and others provide to its operations.

Thank you again for your additional input on ways for us to move forward with next steps and offering your assistance to help. We look forward to engaging with your organizations moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Johnson".

Carole Johnson
Administrator

Cc: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., M.P.H., NASEM