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Dear Dr. Steinbrook:

Thank you for your letter dated September 19, 2024, to Inspector General Christi A. Grimm of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), regarding conflict-of-interest allegations against Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, the former Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. I am responding on behalf of the Inspector General.

Safeguarding public health is one of the Department's Top Management and Performance Challenges, and OIG has responded by focusing on work that identifies opportunities to, among other things, ensure the integrity of agency review and decision making. OIG continuously engages in work planning and will include the issues you have raised in our ongoing work planning discussions.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. Seagle
Director
External Affairs