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Mr. John Hnatio  
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Dear Mr. Hnatio:

On December 19, 2012, Senator Mikulski forwarded us your letter of December 14, 2012, for our consideration. We are looking into your concerns.

As a preliminary matter, please identify the patents to which you were referring in your letter and the FDA software system which you allege uses your ideas. In addition, please identify with whom you were communicating at FDA about those patents. This will be helpful to us as we look into the concerns set forth in your letter. Once we have the information we need to evaluate your concerns, it may be appropriate to meet to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Dickinson", followed by a long horizontal line.

Elizabeth Dickinson  
Chief Counsel