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For appropriate attention please .

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Dear Private Secretary

I would like to acknowledge Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis recent correspondence dated 21st March 2018 to Minister Michael Creed regarding Antimicrobial Resistance.

I will undertake to bring Commissioner Andriukaitis correspondence to the Minister's attention at the next practical juncture.

Yours sincerely,



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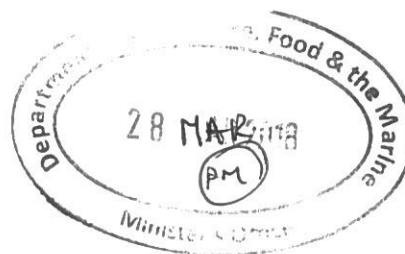
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Dear Ministers,

Thank you very much for your joint letter of 13 February informing me of the adoption of the Ireland's National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2017-2020.

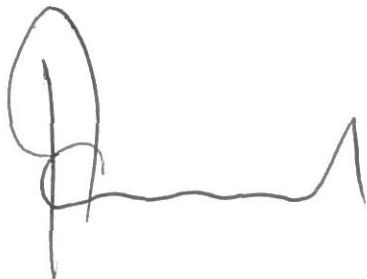
I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the effort you deployed for the preparation of this comprehensive plan addressing both human and animal aspects of the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) threat with a true "One Health" approach.

I am convinced that your plan will be instrumental in reducing the emergence and spread of AMR in Ireland and beyond, and will help preserving the possibility of effective treatment of infections in humans and animals.

Resistant bacteria and infectious diseases do not respect borders and with increased international travel, the pace of resistance is accelerating. No individual Member State can tackle the problem on its own and in the face of this challenge, the Commission is fully committed to work with Member States, stakeholders, industry, citizens to tackle AMR. This ambition is clearly reflected in the new European One Health Action Plan against AMR adopted by the Commission in June last year.

I look forward to continuing the dialogue with you and to working with you towards our shared aim of defeating the threat of AMR, to halt resistant infections, to save lives, and to keep our antimicrobials effective for now and for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

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