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Requested statement from Dr. Wright

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Dr. Kavanagh,

Dr. Wright offers the following statement for your presentation and potential other broadcast uses:

“State initiatives on public reporting of healthcare-associated infections play an important role in the Federal effort to prevent healthcare-associated infections. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a number of supporting programs, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Healthcare Safety Network and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s Patient Safety Organization Network of Patient Safety Databases, which facilitate collecting and reporting standardized data on healthcare-associated infections. These systems are in increasingly common use by healthcare providers and facilities and by State health agencies.”

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Please let me know any time that I can be of further assistance.

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