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Dear Mr. Sedgewick,

On behalf of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society ([HIMSS](http://www.himss.org)), we are pleased to provide written comments to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on the preliminary version of the Cybersecurity Framework, [published](#) in the Federal Register on October 26, 2013. Led by HIMSS Privacy and Security Committee, we offer the attached Excel document, in NIST's requested comment format, that outlines HIMSS comments and recommendations on specific points of the preliminary Framework.

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HIMSS appreciates this opportunity to engage our members and colleagues, and we look forward to a continuing dialogue on this and other efforts with NIST. For more information, please contact [Thomas M. Leary](#), Vice President of Government Relations, 703.562.8814 or [Stephanie Jamison](#), Director of Government Services, 703.562.8844.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Leary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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