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Surely the objectives of the NIH, FDA and innumerable other health agencies are no less worthy.

Every public agency which is party or privy to the development of technology has an obligation, it seems to me, to actively foster the fruitful application of that technology. It is clear that information dissemination alone does not necessarily bring about appropriate change. The Congress can make that obligation explicit and irrefutable by calling for each agency to demonstrate the provisions it has made to market its knowledge. Only then can we achieve a conscionable balance among medical technology, medical practice, the rights of the private sector to promote its viewpoint, agency accountability, and -- ultimately -- the health of our citizens.

Thank you.