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Karen DeSalvo, M.D.
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Dear Dr. DeSalvo:

On behalf of our 39 hospitals in Arizona, California and Nevada, Dignity Health is proud to support the Office of the National Coordinator's (ONC) vision of achieving an open, connected care system. As the nation's fifth-largest non-profit hospital system, Dignity Health is dedicated to our mission of providing compassionate, high-quality care and sees health information technology as the cornerstone of a transformed health care delivery system that empowers providers to deliver patient-centered care, while improving the health of populations.

Dignity Health is working to balance our capital commitments, implementing cutting-edge technology, while providing the highest quality, most cost-effective care to the communities we serve. Through Cerner's MobileMD health information exchange platform, Dignity Health connects over 9,300 affiliated and community physicians and 37 hospitals across 3 states. Already, 26 of our hospitals have achieved Meaningful Use Stage 2, giving 150,000 patients access to their health information.

Dignity Health will continue to advance interoperability, enabling free movement of data by:

- Improving ways for **consumers** to access their electronic health information;
- Helping **providers** share electronic health information with other providers and patients to enhance coordination of care and reduce costs; and
- Participating in the development and implementation of federally recognized interoperability **standards**.

I look forward to working with policy makers and colleagues to achieve a connected care system.

Sincerely,

[signed]

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