

September 9, 2008

Dear Members of the House and Senate,

The undersigned groups, representing a broad range of interests, urge your immediate support to pass federal legislation that promotes the widespread adoption of health information technology in the remaining weeks before Congress adjourns.

Our organizations all share the downstream effects of our inefficient health care system—particularly rising health care costs. We also share a common belief that technology holds the promise of improving the quality of patient care, enhancing access to care, reducing medical errors and reducing health care costs. Private industry has come a long way in developing health information technology and progress is being made to bridge the public and private efforts towards our shared goals. Let's not wait for the uncertainty of the priorities of a new Administration to move legislation that already has bipartisan and broad public and private support.

There are bills before you in both Chambers of Congress that include the common principles that we all support.

We urge Congress to pass health information technology (Health IT) legislation this year that includes these provisions:

- A public-private process to determine standards for interoperability, product certification, quality measures and an accelerated process for standards improvement;
- Financial Incentives for health care providers to adopt and use health IT;
- A focus on consumer empowerment through patient and provider education about electronic health records; and
- Appropriate privacy and security protections.

We strongly encourage you to bring up legislation to promote health IT as soon as Congress returns. We look forward to collaborating with you to pass this important legislation in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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ACE Clearwater Enterprises
ACS Federal Solutions
Adobe Systems
Aetna
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American Academy of Nursing
American Adhesive Coatings
American Cancer Society
American Electronics Association
American Foundry Society
American Health Care Association
American Heart Association

American Homeowners Foundation
American Homeowners Grassroots Alliance
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Stroke Association
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Data Management
Dexter-Russell, Inc.
Dews Research Laboratories, LLC
DLH Industries, Inc.
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EasyStreet Online Services
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Elm Manufacturing, Inc.
Endwave Corporation
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Exxel Outdoors
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Inc.
Fairmount Minerals Ltd.
Faster Cures
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Harris Corporation
HealthCare 21 Business Coalition
Health Care Association of New Jersey
Healthcare Information & Management
Systems Society
HealthMEDX
Henry Molded Products, Inc.
Hialeah Metal Spinning, Inc.
High Industries, Inc.
Hollingsworth & Vose Company
Home Care Technology Association of
America
HR Policy Association
Hydrite Chemical Co.
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Indiana Employers Quality Health Alliance
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Information Technology Industry Council
Intel
Jamison Door Company
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Kiva Plastics, Inc.
Koller Enterprises, Inc.
Laurel Electronics Inc.
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Long Term Care HIT Collaborative
Louisville Forge and Gear Works
LPL Systems, Inc.
Magic Logix, Inc.
Marshfield Clinic
Master Marine, Inc.
Meadows Mills, Inc.
Mestek, Inc.
Metal Products Company
MetalQuest Unlimited, Inc.

Metal Treating Institute
MidAtlantic Business Group on Health
Midwest Business Group on Health
Mississippi Marine Corporation
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers
Association
MP Global Products, LLC
Mullinix Packages, Inc.
NACCO Industries, Inc.
National Association for Home Care &
Hospice
National Association of Health Underwriters
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association for the Support of
Long Term Care
National Association of Wholesaler-
Distributors
National Center for Assisted Living
National Disease Clusters Alliance
North American Association of Food
Equipment Manufacturers
National PACE Association
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Olympian Precast, Inc.
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P2 Collaborative of WNY
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The National Association for Home Care &
Hospice
The Timken Company
The West Michigan Manufacturers Council
Timension, Inc.
Tru-Kay Manufacturing Co.
Trutime Inc.
Twisted Pair Solutions, Inc.
Uniweld Products, Inc.
UPS
Utah Manufacturers Association
VeriSign
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Vinculum Communications, Inc.
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WhiteNoise Systems, LLC
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