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Office of eHealth Innovation

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Mr. Eugene Gabriyelov
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Dear Mr. Gabriyelov:

I am writing in support of the Colorado Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI) request for federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act to fund Colorado's Health IT Roadmap. The Roadmap was developed in 2017, with input from over 1000 individuals and the majority of counties in Colorado to define and implement health reform in Colorado supported through health IT and health information exchange.

Furthermore, the strategy and projects laid out within Colorado's Health IT Roadmap are fundamental to my broader statewide healthcare goal of improving care for Coloradans while decreasing costs by advancing data sharing and interoperability efforts. This effort initiated through the Hickenlooper administration continues through Polis' administration. In fact, in January 2019, the Polis Administration launched the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care, led by my office. This re-energized focus on reducing costs to Coloradans requires investments in health IT and health information exchange. OeHI is working closely with the Governor's and my office to support this bold effort through Roadmap investments and policies.

The State of Colorado is seeking innovative and effective ways to lower health care costs and we support the continued implementation of the Colorado Health IT Roadmap as one of the enabling means toward that end. The approval of our HITECH Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD) is crucial in this process, and we thank you in advance for the timely approval of these additional funds that will improve the health and well-being of all Coloradans. Any further delays in funding approval will limit Colorado's ability to make immediate and lasting change.

Sincerely,

Dianne Primavera
Lieutenant Governor
State of Colorado