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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Enclosed is the Department of Mental Retardation Annual Mortality Report for fiscal year 2006. The Division of Family and Community Services of the Department of Mental Retardation assembles the report. The report analyzes and summarizes information on all deaths for persons who have been determined to be eligible for CT DMR supports. This is the sixth annual mortality report, which is now required by Executive Order #25.

This report and a comprehensive two tiered mortality review process are critical components of the quality and risk management systems present within the DMR system. DMR is committed to a process that identifies important patterns and trends that may help increase knowledge about risk factors and guide systems enhancements to mitigate future risk. In fact Connecticut DMR is one of a few states that consistently compiles mortality information.

CT DMR has made significant strides in our standardizing of reporting systems, improving our clinical mortality review process and measuring our data against state and national death statistics.

I remain committed to the significance of this independent mortality report as a vital and essential component of the Department's quality management and improvement system and a process for identifying important or new initiatives pertaining to the management of consumer risk.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter H. O'Meara".

Peter H. O'Meara
Commissioner