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David Blumenthal, MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is pleased to submit the Health Information Technology and Exchange Strategic & Operational Plan for Connecticut for your review and approval. As the State Designated Entity for HITE, the DPH puts this plan forward in fulfillment of planning objectives under the 4-year Cooperative Agreement (90HT0043/01) between ONC and the DPH.

The Plan was prepared in consult with the DPH Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Committee and its subcommittees, DPH contractor Gartner, Inc., over 150 HITE stakeholders from across Connecticut, and the public at large.

Connecticut is advancing the adoption and promotion of health information exchange and the legislature has determined that a public/private entity will serve as the State Designated Entity on January 1, 2011. Connecticut Public Act 09-117 created the Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut (HITE-CT) with a legislatively-appointed Board of Directors to build a secure and sustainable statewide HIE. DPH will continue to lead the HITE effort as Chair of the new Board, awardee of the ARRA Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement, and active stakeholder in health information exchange.

I look forward to our next steps together as outlined in the Connecticut Plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.
Commissisoner

