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Dear Health Care Leader & LIC Participant:

I'm writing to thank you, your organization, and the nearly 1,200 others across the country who helped achieve what two years ago seemed a monumental task – achieving Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR).

Working together with the Lab Interoperability Cooperative (LIC), your information technology and laboratory leaders have made great strides toward fulfilling the goal of meaningful use of health information technology (IT) by accelerating the effort to connect your hospital laboratory to the local public health jurisdiction. I am pleased that we, along with our LIC partners at the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and Surescripts, were able to support your organization's efforts.

By being at the forefront of this initiative, you've helped to expand your organization's role in improving quality and safety for your patients, their families and communities across the U.S. We've made great strides to extend our reach into the public health sector; however, greater adoption and use of health IT, and specifically of electronic health records, will continue to enhance the quality of care we provide to our patients and communities.

There is a good deal more work to do with meaningful use Stage 2 timeframes upon us, and Stage 3 not far behind. While Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding for the LIC has come to an end, we assure you that our work continues. The LIC has built a strong foundation of ELR resources that will remain available.

Please visit LabInteroperabilityCoop.org to learn more about support moving forward and the next phase of health information optimization.

Sincerely,



Rich Umbdenstock
President and CEO

