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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Re: Ex Parte Filing- GN Docket Nos. 09-51, 09-47, 09-137, WC Docket No. 02-60.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Harris Corporation, I submit this letter and DVD into the Commission's record in the above referenced proceedings concerning the promotion of health information technology ("Health IT") as part of the National Broadband Plan and regarding general Health IT issues being considered before the Commission. On October 30, 2009, Harris Corporation hosted a panel at the National Press Club focusing on how the United States government and the Health IT industry are working together to make sharing electronic health information possible. Secure electronic health information exchange is not a dream for the future, it is happening now. The DVD included with this letter contains a copy of that panel discussion.

At the event panelists from the Social Security Administration, the Federal Health Architecture, and Harris Corporation discussed the value of the Nationwide Health Information Network ("NHIN") in improving care for citizens, providing doctor's with up-to-date medical records, and advancing public health. Organizations throughout the country are deploying the federally-developed CONNECT solution to participate in the NHIN. Panelists provided distinct perspectives about CONNECT and discussed how CONNECT promotes the adoption and use of standards based health IT systems. Panelists also illustrated the real progress that is being made throughout the country – in the public and private sectors – in achieving secure health information exchange.

The panel consisted of:

- Vish Sankaran, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator, Director of the Federal Health Architecture – Mr. Sankaran provided background about what CONNECT is and why it was developed.
- Jim Borland, Special Advisor for Health IT to the Commissioner of Social Security – Mr. Borland highlighted the Social Security Administration's experiences using CONNECT and its success in becoming the first federal agency to move into limited production on the NHIN CONNECT cutting the time it takes to receive disability claim records from one to two months to about 24 seconds.
- Dr. Bart Harmon, Chief Medical Officer, Harris Corporation's Healthcare Solutions – Dr. Harmon discussed the value of CONNECT from the perspective of the IT vendor community and the private sector.
- Brian Behlendorf, CONNECT Community Collaboration Advisor – Mr. Behlendorf will provided details about the CONNECT open source community, highlighting the participation from the feds, states, academia, vendors and care providers.

Respectfully submitted,



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