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Dear Health Care Task Force Members:

Our three organizations -- ICSI, Minnesota Community Measurement, and Stratis Health -- are pleased that health care quality is playing such a prominent role in your discussions.

ICSI is an independent, non-profit organization, which facilitates collaboration on health care quality improvement by medical groups, hospitals and health plans that provide health care services to people who live and work in Minnesota and surrounding states. *MNCM* is a community-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating the improvement of health in Minnesota through measurement and public reporting of health care performance. *Stratis Health* is a non-profit organization that leads collaboration and innovation in health care quality and safety, and serves as a trusted expert in facilitating improvement for people and communities. Stratis Health serves as Minnesota's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO).

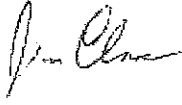
Although our organizations have a strong history of collaboration, we have recently taken steps to work together even more closely. Specifically, together with the Buyers Health Care Action Group, we have submitted an application to serve as the Chartered Value Exchange for Minnesota, a federal designation that will help to advance a high quality, patient-centered, and cost-effective health care system in Minnesota.

With the Chartered Value Exchange opportunity in mind and the recommendations from your Task Force pending, we are writing to let you know of our interest in your work, and our commitment to helping you improve the health care in our community. We offer our support in identifying potential timelines and the new resources required to implement those recommendations that align with our missions.

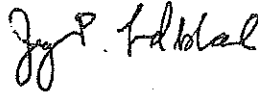


Please contact us if we can be of any assistance and we look forward to working with you.

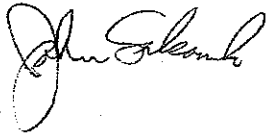
Sincerely,



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