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The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee 2125 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Intermountain Healthcare Support for H.R. 3120

Dear Chairman Burgess:

On behalf of Intermountain Healthcare, we write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for H.R. 3120. Intermountain greatly appreciates your continued leadership in working to ensure that the goals Congress envisioned in enacting the Meaningful Use program are realized.

We are pleased to see that this important legislation would infuse the Meaningful Use program with the flexibility needed to enable providers to successfully participate in the program. Facilitating success in the Meaningful Use program is, we believe, an important and foundational element in the nation's path forward to interoperability.

H.R. 3120 would allow the Meaningful Use program to re-focus on advancing the standards and building the infrastructure needed for national interoperability. This legislation would also honor the spirit of a learning health care system by allowing the Meaningful Use to reflect actual experience in and an evaluation of the program.

We look forward to working together to advance this much-needed policy change. We would be pleased to provide a supportive witness should a legislative hearing be scheduled.

We also want to commend Danielle Steele of your office and James "J.P." Paluskiewicz of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Their outstanding work to improve the Meaningful Use program will ensure that patients, providers, and payers alike increasingly realize the benefits of health information technology.

Please do not hesitate to contact me; Bill Barnes, Intermountain's Director of Government Relations (801.442.3240/bill.barnes@imail.org); or Karen Sealander, Intermountain Washington Counsel at McDermott Will & Emery (202.756.8024/ksealander@mwe.com), with questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

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