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Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement: CDC-RFA-PW-24-0080, *Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health*

Dear Ms. Coyle,

The HIMSS Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association is pleased to provide this letter in support of the American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) in its application in response to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding opportunity "*Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health.*"

Our organization greatly appreciates AIRA's work to support and promote the use of immunization information to ensure healthy communities. Programs across the private and public sectors continue to benefit from AIRA's support and leadership in the development and implementation of immunization information systems (IIS) as crucial tools in preventing vaccine-preventable diseases. We believe AIRA is uniquely positioned to provide capacity-building assistance (CBA) to improve the overall performance of the immunization-related public health system.

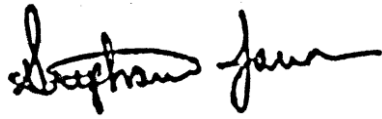
As the national trade association of EHR developers, the EHR Association's 29 member companies serve the vast majority of hospital, post-acute, specialty-specific, and ambulatory healthcare providers using EHRs and other health IT across the United States. We have worked closely with AIRA, collaborating to identify challenges that arise as our clients implement and upgrade their reporting and query capabilities with IIS registries. AIRA has been very helpful in identifying and addressing challenges, including data quality and standards topics, connecting our members with the appropriate IIS registry representatives, and facilitating communications that enable our members and their clients to advance connectivity with IIS registries.

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The EHR Association is happy to partner with and support AIRA to further enable AIRA and the IIS community at large to collaborate with EHR vendors in addressing these key challenges and needs to improve the infrastructure and performance across the public health immunization system thus improving health outcomes and reducing health inequities.

We strongly support AIRA's leadership and proposed strategies to develop and maintain a diverse immunization workforce and to develop and deploy data modernization activities that will positively impact the immunization public health system.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Jamison
Chair, EHR Association
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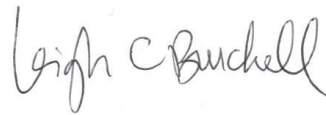


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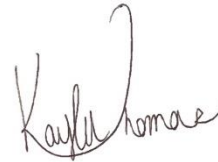
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