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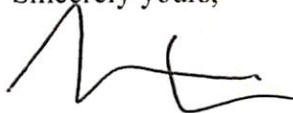
Mr. David O'Toole
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Dear Mr. O'Toole:

I am offering this letter of support on behalf of Alberta Health for continuation of the work that the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has been doing with the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) in developing and reporting pan-Canadian cardiovascular quality indicators.

The economic burden of cardiovascular disease in Alberta is expected to reach \$1.5 billion in 2015. Enhanced measurement and reporting tools are required to inform and improve delivery of cardiovascular care in Alberta. Quality indicator reporting will also allow the province of Alberta to compare performance and address areas of common concern in the future. The partnership between CIHI and the CCS is a key enabler to these efforts.

Sincerely yours,



For: Carl G. Amrhein, PhD, RPP, MCIP, FRCGS
Deputy Minister