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Dr. Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH, Secretary
John Ohanian, Chief Data Officer and Director, Center for Data Insights and Innovation
California Health and Human Services Agency
1660 Ninth Street, Room 460
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Ghaly and Director Ohanian,

As a coalition dedicated to advancing health information exchange policy in California, we are excited to see CalHHS include the topic of digital identities within the purview of the Data Exchange Framework (DxF). Digital identities and patient matching have been key topics of interest to our participants, critical to ensuring that organizations are able to match and share data, including for key data like immunization data.

Our coalition members would like to recommend the following individuals for consideration as subject matter experts and recommend that these individuals be included in your data gathering effort:

- Dan Chavez, Consultant, Health Tech Solutions, dan.chavez@healthtechsolutions.com
- Shaun Grannis, Vice President Data and Analytics, Regenstrief Institute, sgrannis@regenstrief.org
- Jessica Kahn, Partner, McKinsey & Company, Jessica_Kahn@mckinsey.com
- Josh Morgan, National Director of Behavioral Health and Whole Person Care, SAS, Josh.Morgan@sas.com
- Mani Nair, Director, Blue Shield of California, Mani.Nair@blueshieldca.com
- Jeff Spevacek, Senior Account Executive, Verato, jeff.spevacek@verato.com
- Jim St. Clair, Executive Director, Linux Foundation Public Health, jstclair@linuxfoundation.org
- Brian Handspicker, Chief Technology Officer, Open City Labs, bd@handspicker.net

In addition to the California-based Health Information Organization leaders active and qualified through the CalHOP program, we would also like to recommend outreach to the following individuals from other states. They have presented to our coalition on the topic of patient matching and stand to offer California lessons learned from their states' experiences developing patient matching strategies (background information for these discussions are available [here](#)):

- Ako Quammie, Vice President, Data Management, Contexture, aquammie@corhio.org
- David Horrocks, President and CEO, Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients, david.horrocks@crisphealth.org

- Melissa Kotrys, CEO, Contexture, melissa.kotrys@healthcurrent.org
- Tim Pletcher, Executive Director, Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services, Tim.Pletcher@mihin.org

Please let me know if you would like additional information or if you would like any introductions.

Sincerely,

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