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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

Health IT Now is a diverse coalition of health care providers, patient advocates, consumers, employers, and payers who support the adoption and use of health IT to improve health care and to lower costs.

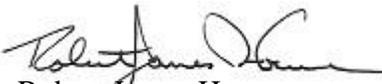
We believe that provisions of the *21st Century Cures Act*, as considered on the House floor today, recognizes health IT as a medium for positive reform in our healthcare system. The legislation correctly seeks to provide needed clarity to FDA oversight of software products, and puts forward important reforms to solve issues of electronic health record interoperability that has stymied the flow of health information in the United States.

Its inclusion of important data and health information policies such as reforms to the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* (HIPAA) are also vitally important and support the search for new treatments and cures.

For these reasons, we want to offer you our support for the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 34 and urge its immediate passage.

We look forward to working with you to help ensure the promise of 21st century cures is realized for all Americans this year.

Sincerely,


Robert James Horne
Executive Director