



July 27, 2012

Patty Fontneau
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Dear Patty:

We write today to express support to you and to the Legislative Implementation Review Committee for the Colorado Health Benefits Exchange (COHBE) upcoming grant submission. We support the second Level 1 grant funding sought to cover the time frame of October 2012 through July 2013. It is our understanding that a significant portion of the total technology implementation costs will be paid during this grant period.

The business community helped to thoughtfully craft the Exchange through Senate Bill 11-200, and we remain engaged in the process to build it. Formation of COHBE allows Colorado to control our own destiny, creating our own system to facilitate access to the marketplace for health insurance purchasing for individuals and small businesses. We support this pursuit of grant funding as the source of funds to ensure this phase of its successful implementation.

We understand that the current \$17.9 million in grant funding that was approved by the board and Legislative Implementation Review Committee in December 2011, awarded in February 2012, is expected to be fully utilized by the end of the grant period, October 2012.

We appreciate the documentation of past progress, and future plans related to building the Exchange. We will review the forthcoming grant budget and budget narrative, but generally support the COHBE business strategy to maintain operations and contractual payments in a transparent manner which upholds the tenets of SB 200.

Thank you for your diligence in establishing and funding the Exchange as intended, and for your ongoing engagement with multiple stakeholders. If you need more information please contact any of us directly.

Best regards,

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Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry

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