

January 26, 2010

The Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2706

RE: Federal assistance to assist in EMR systems in Rural Nebraska

I am writing you to request help (\$2 million dollars) to assist in the purchase and installation of networked equipment to regionally connect rural Northeast Nebraska healthcare facilities to the new EMR (Electronic Medical Records) system at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk.

I am a fiscally conservative taxpaying citizen who appreciates elected officials who invest our dollars prudently. This cause would pass this test. Many benefits and efficiencies would accrue from small rural hospitals being networked into an EMR at a regional facility like Faith Regional. This would save money in the long run.

I would appreciate your support of this very worthwhile endeavor that would pay for itself.

Thank you for letting me know your thoughts and outlook for this.

Thank you also for your service to the citizens of Nebraska and America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Dinkel", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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