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The Hon. Ben Nelson  
United States Senate  
720 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

I'm writing to express support for your efforts to obtain additional federal assistance for the Southeast Nebraska Behavioral Health Information Network to implement a health information exchange system in the southeast region of Nebraska. It is my understanding that to date, the network has commitments amounting to more than \$3 million dollars from federal, state and regional sources. Even this robust expression of support, however, does not allow for purchasing electronic medical record systems. Additional federal support would make it possible to obtain this integral part of the project.

As you know, our regional network provides behavioral health services to Nebraskans in their communities. Coordinating care among the communities and the multiple provider organizations is crucial, and the health information exchange will enhance coordination and ensure efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Campbell".

Kathy Campbell  
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