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Dear Greg, Mike, and Steve,

I want you to know how pleased I am with the HIPAA Security Rule network assessment Petra Technology Group, Chemung Computer, and Chain of Trust recently completed for Steuben County.

After working with you throughout the assessment, I know the level of detail you went to for thoroughness and accuracy. Your written report, and your presentation to the county Legislative Committee, focused directly on the key issues we need to address.

Even though I serve both as the county IT director and the HIPAA Security Officer, I would not have been able to identify some of the issues you uncovered. As an outside organization you were able to gather information objectively, and offer a perspective I could not have gotten using internal resources. Your certifications in HIPAA and Security enabled you to ask the right questions, and relate your findings directly to the HIPAA rules.

I think it was valuable to have an outside consultant evaluate us and present its findings to our elected officials. Your report was accepted much better than if we had used our staff, because our legislators understood that your recommendations were not just a request by my department for an increased budget.

Your findings will enable the county to prioritize our needs to comply with HIPAA, and to correct some costly issues in departments that do not offer healthcare services. As you pointed out, there are direct financial benefits to the county for taking steps to be universally compliant and to implement best practices. This will help us justify the expenses with the legislature and our taxpayers, and convince county departments to support our efforts.

Please feel free to use me as a reference.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Peaslee
Director, Information Technology