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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to send greetings to everyone attending the conference of the New York Chapter of the Health Information and Management Systems Society, and to welcome you to New York City. The Big Apple is one of the preeminent locations in the world for high-quality healthcare, and we are working to become a global leader in the field of health information technology. Our Administration has committed \$40 million to implement information technology for electronic health records at community health centers and other health care providers for underserved populations to improve the quality, efficiency, and safety of care.

The New York Chapter of the Health Information and Management Systems Society is an important partner in our efforts to optimize medical care throughout the City. This exemplary organization makes vital contributions to the healthcare industry by promoting the use of information technology to improve patients' outcomes. On behalf of the City of New York, I commend all those associated with NYS HIMSS for their leadership in health information technology and their tremendous efforts to improve medical care for all New Yorkers. Working together, we can leverage available technology to enhance the quality of life for all. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor