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ASSOCIATION

January 27, 2010

The Honorable Richard Barlow  
First Selectman  
4 Market Street, P.O. Box 168  
Collinsville, CT 06022

Dear First Selectman Barlow:

In 2009, the Connecticut Hospital Association and the Connecticut Chapter of the NAACP announced a collaboration and commitment to expanding the diversity of governance and leadership at Connecticut hospitals, expanding supplier diversity in hospitals, and eliminating barriers to care and reducing disparities in outcomes among minority populations. We believe that eliminating racial and ethnic disparities is fundamental to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all patients.

A critical component of expanding the diversity in leadership at Connecticut hospitals is developing a pool of talented individuals from diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds willing to serve on hospital boards and committees. We are pleased to be working with the nationally recognized Institute for Diversity in Health Management whose mission is to increase the number of people of color in health services administration to better reflect the increasingly diverse communities they serve, and to improve opportunities for professionals already in the healthcare field. To accomplish this, the Institute has designed several initiatives to generate significant long-term results through educational programs, summer internships, and professional development and leadership conferences. The Institute has committed to conducting a comprehensive education and networking program in Connecticut in early 2010 for individuals interested in serving on hospital boards and committees at Connecticut hospitals.

We are seeking your assistance to make our diversity initiative a success. **We would appreciate your help in identifying business and community leaders from diverse backgrounds who may be interested in serving on hospital boards and committees in their communities or across the state. If you know of any qualified individuals who may be interested, please contact Jim Iacobellis at CHA at [Iacobellis@chime.org](mailto:Iacobellis@chime.org) or (203) 294-7310.**

Thank you for your assistance in making this important initiative a success.

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Jennifer Jackson  
President and CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Iacobellis".

Jim Iacobellis  
Vice President, Government Relations