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March 22, 2021Dear Representatives Riggs and Committee Chairman Trent:Midwest Health Connection (MHC) supports House Bill No. 1254 to establish a technology task force in the State of Missouri. By enacting a state law that specifically establishes a technology task force, Missouri is allocating efforts towards the improvement of process standardization and communication between health care providers and, consequently, the overall quality of patient care. By creating the Missouri State Technology Task Force to evaluate, research, and make recommendations regarding the efficiency, accessibility, and management of Missouri's electronic systems and platforms, the State of Missouri will enable an innovative, cross-sector approach to identify areas of improvement while gathering expert feedback. This effort will help move interoperability forward in the State of Missouri. MHC strongly urges the State of Missouri to enact the Missouri State Technology Task Force in House Bill No. 1254. As background, the federal government's enactment of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act in 2009 emphasized the significance of technology in the health care landscape by seeking to improve the practice through technological advancements. House Bill No. 1254 echoes this sentiment by creating a task force to engage in a statewide review of the advancements that have taken place and ensure they are operating at their highest utility. MHC strongly supports House Bill No. 1254 because it will also undoubtedly support the sharing of health information across the Missouri state agencies. Respectfully, Angie Bass, Chief Executive OfficerMidwest Health Connection573-268-0210 abass@mhc-hie.orgAbout MHCMidwest Health Connection (MHC) is one of the largest health information exchange (HIE) networks in the country with more than 28+ million electronic patient health records from across the Midwest. MHC's health data exchange services support the entire health care ecosystem, including health care providers, payors, State/Federal agencies and other health care stakeholders by providing complete and accurate patient electronic health records in real-time. This enables those within the health care delivery system to transform care delivery through better coordination of care, informed clinical decision making, reducing preventable errors and avoiding treatment duplication. No matter where a patient goes for treatment, patients expect their health information to be available to their treating providers. Providers need comprehensive health records available to them to be properly informed when making care decisions. MHC fulfills these expectations and needs for the health care community by connecting each of these health care stakeholders to our network and enabling the sharing of electronic health data throughout the MHC network. Hospitals, health care providers, labs, pharmacies, payors, managed care organizations, accountable care organizations and communities along the health delivery spectrum have a need to access a comprehensive longitudinal health record for their patients or members. This information is critical to deliver quality, coordinated and informed health care, reduce cost for duplicative tests, co-pays and procedures and increase patient safety and satisfaction.



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I am in Support of this Task Force as it is much needed to get Missouri State Government and Employees into this Century!



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The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports HP 1254. As Missouri's public sector relies more than ever on information technology (IT) systems in its daily operations, modernization is needed to realize greater efficiencies. The Missouri Chamber supports efforts to modernize the state's IT procurement processes as well as policies that provide state decision makers greater flexibility in obtaining cost-effective and sophisticated IT systems. We also support efforts to recruit and retain a robust tech-focused workforce within state government who can manage procurement and oversight of the various complex IT systems used by state agencies. We believe the task force established in this bill can make recommendations to build a modernized IT system and a tech-focused workforce in state government that can meet the current and future needs of Missouri's residents and businesses.