

September 3, 2015

The Honorable Perry Buck
State Representative-District 49
Colorado General Assembly
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Buck:

On behalf of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), I would like to congratulate you on being selected as the recipient of the 2015 HIMSS State Legislator of the Year Award. Each year, the HIMSS Board of Directors honors a state legislator whose efforts demonstrate a significant contribution to the positive transformation of healthcare through the use of information technology (IT).

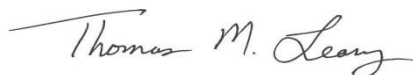
The award nomination put forward by Pam Russell of the Colorado Chapter of HIMSS highlighted your leadership on the enactment of House Bill 15-1029, which greatly expands access to telehealth services in your state by removing a restriction that limits payment for this technology and prohibits health benefit plans from requiring in-person care delivery if consulting, monitoring, and other care can effectively be administered remotely. This is a shining example of the important role that states and state legislators play in developing policies to ensure our healthcare system utilizes health IT in innovative ways to support healthcare transformation.

HIMSS would be honored if you could accept the 2015 HIMSS State Legislator of the Year Award in person at the [National Health IT Week](#) Partners and Awards Reception on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 (4:30-6:30 pm) at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. We are happy to discuss more details on other National Health IT Week-related events for you to attend that day.

HIMSS is pleased to offer to cover your expenses including airfare, hotel for one night, and incidentals. We are happy to work with you and appropriate staff to review any Colorado requirements for travel and registration. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Rogers, our Director of State Government Affairs, at 703-562-8849 or vrogers@himss.org.

Again, congratulations on being selected as the 2015 HIMSS State Legislator of the Year. Thank you for your leadership in the health IT policy arena. See you on October 7th.

Sincerely,



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