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Dear Participant:

On behalf of the first HISPC - Illinois II Legal Workgroup, welcome! Thank you for your time and interest in this important Department of Public Health initiative. Our first meeting is scheduled next Wednesday, September 26 and we have a fairly aggressive agenda and timeline. You should have already received the agenda earlier this week from Kathy Karsten.

I wanted to highlight several items we will be discussing:

- Background on the HISPC initiative.
- Presentation by Laura Martin to discuss issues and challenges pertaining to a universal consent/authorization for facilitating HIE and release of health information.
- Discussion by Workgroup members of the presentation.
- Workgroup members will also be asked to offer comments about potential challenges they perceive will occur under Illinois law. Please consider these barriers under Illinois law in advance of the meeting.

I look forward to talking with you on Wednesday. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (217) 782-2043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Marilyn Thomas
Chief Counsel
Legal Workgroup Chair

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