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Dear Senators,

First thank you for this report which is largely spot on. I am a practicing surgical subspecialist with extensive experience in private medical practice, hospital, surgery center, and teaching faculty of a major university medical center. Nowadays I teach advanced laparoscopic surgery in the Rocky Mountain West. I noticed that my home state senator is on this list (Wyoming) I would be happy to expound in detail regarding the boondoggle of EHR implementation. Consider this very simple point regarding a basic problem with EHR that no one in this entire process seems to understand (government, IT industry, hospitals, even some health care providers). Computers are supposed to help us accomplish administrative tasks, not impede the process. The very root of the problem stems from the fact that I can do with a stubby pencil in five minutes what a multimillion dollar computer system can do in fifteen to twenty minutes. Multiply that by a few million strokes a day and we call this efficiency? And, perhaps more importantly, do the task without a lot of gobbledeegook in the way that serves to hide important medical information from me. Would be happy to discuss.

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