Letter from **vendor** to **relying party**

Dear [Relying Party],

We are committed to giving you and our other business partners the utmost confidence in our information security controls. As evidence of this commitment, we are pleased to inform you that we are engaged in the HITRUST Assurance Program, which is based on rigorous QA evaluation methodologies. For instance, HITRUST Validated Assessments are performed by highly trained and experienced HITRUST-Certified External Assessors, who have the important role of testing and validating security controls and scoring before submission to HITRUST. In addition, the HITRUST Assurance Intelligence Engine™ runs assessment documentation through 150 automated quality checks, and the HITRUST Quality Assurance Team performs another five levels of extensive quality reviews. Through the HITRUST Assurance Program, we are better able to provide you and our other partners with a timely and accurate report regarding the status of our information security and compliance with third-party requirements.

The HITRUST Assurance Program uses the HITRUST CSF framework, which incorporates and leverages a comprehensive set of existing security requirements applicable across all industries. The HITRUST CSF harmonizes more than 40 authoritative sources while providing prescriptive and granular control requirements based on security best practices. Using comprehensive requirements in the HITRUST CSF demonstrates that our organization meets information security requirements from recognized frameworks and standards. The HITRUST framework is widely adopted across a wide range of industries.  
  
In informing you of our participation in the HITRUST Assurance Program, we want to [request / ensure] your acceptance of the assessment results and inquire about your assurance preferences.   
  
**HITRUST Implemented, 1-Year (i1) Validated Assessment + Certification**  
We are prepared to undergo the best practices HITRUST Implemented i1 Validated Assessment + 1-year Certification.The HITRUST i1 is an innovative, threat-adaptive, broad-based assessment for use across multiple industries that evolves over time to meet ever-changing cybersecurity threats. By leveraging ongoing threat intelligence and the MITRE ATT&CK Framework to drive present and future control selection, the i1 is designed to keep pace with the latest cyberattack threats, including Ransomware and Phishing.

**HITRUST i1 Assessment benefits include:**

* 219 pre-set controls that leverage security best practices and the latest threat intelligence data.
* A focus on Implementation for greater assurances that control requirements are in place and operating as intended.
* Use of the proven HITRUST CSF framework, which is highly prescriptive and regularly updated, unlike many other frameworks that are vague and remain unchanged for many years.
* Assessment and testing through a highly qualified HITRUST Authorized External Assessor firm and the comprehensive HITRUST QA process.
* Targeted Coverage over a number of authoritative sources, such as: NIST SP 800-171, HIPAA Security Rule, GLBA Safeguards Rule, U.S.​Department of Labor EBSA Cybersecurity Program Best Practices, Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices (HICP)​.
* 1-year Certification.

We strongly encourage you and our other business partners to accept assessment reports from the highly consistent, reliable, best-in-class HITRUST Assurance Program. We believe this is an excellent opportunity for both of our organizations to manage information risk more effectively.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and review of this matter. For more information about the HITRUST Assurance Program, please visit HITRUST’s [website](http://www.hitrustalliance.net/csf-assurance/) or send an email to [info@HITRUSTalliance.net](mailto:info@HITRUSTalliance.net).

Regards,

[Your Organization]