



M. Jodi Rell
GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

The devastating earthquake in Haiti has spurred one of the largest relief efforts in history and I want you to know that Connecticut stands ready to help in any way possible.

Connecticut is one of only a handful of states that has a state-of-the art mobile field hospital, and we offer this resource to assist in the Haiti relief effort if needed. Our Military and Public Health Departments can deploy and transport a 25-bed unit to Haiti upon your request.

The Otilie W. Lundgren Memorial Field Hospital, named after a victim of the 2001 anthrax attack, is a multi-functional facility providing 100 bed surge and isolation capacity. It is deployable as a flexible configuration of 25 bed units that can be operated jointly or independently of one another to provide triage and treatment in the event of a public health disaster.

Members of Connecticut's Disaster Medical Assistance Team (CT-DMAT), which as you know is a federal asset under the aegis of your agency and who can be activated upon your request, are trained and ready if needed for deployment to Haiti. If you choose to activate and deploy the CT-DMAT for Haiti operations, team members can ably staff the mobile field hospital.

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, I thank you and your department for all of your efforts to provide relief to the people of Haiti who have been devastated by this natural disaster. We offer our support to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor