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The Honorable M. Jodi Rell  
Governor of Connecticut  
210 Capitol Avenue  
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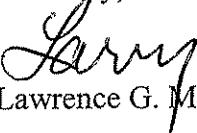
Dear Governor Rell,

I applaud your administration for taking strong action to ensure our state has the resources available to combat an outbreak of H1N1. I am writing today to ask that you add one more tool to our state's arsenal in combating this pandemic.

Given the emphasis public health professionals have placed on hand washing in order to prevent swine flu transmission, I am writing to ask that you direct the Commissioner of Public Health to install more waterless hand sanitizing stations throughout all state owned buildings, and that your administration pursue any federal dollars available for this initiative. While I am aware that dispensers are available in most state buildings, one only need to look at our own workplace- the Capitol Complex and Legislative Office Building- to see that these dispensers are both poorly placed and not nearly numerous enough. Most if not all are located in the restrooms. This not only impedes accessibility to members of the public but discourages frequent use of this H1N1 prevention tool.

While I understand the budget challenges we face, I also am well aware that an H1N1 outbreak in Connecticut will cost the state's public health agencies money. Waterless hand sanitizer is identified as a staple by the Centers for Disease Control in combating this pandemic. I would encourage you to direct the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health to increase the number and visibility of waterless hand sanitizing stations in all state owned buildings.

Sincerely,

  
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