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An Open Letter to the Consolidated Multiple Listing Service:

On February 1, 2007, the Connecticut Multiple Listing Service, Inc. (CTMLS) successfully launched full MLS services for 13,069 Connecticut REALTORS®. The path towards a viable Connecticut statewide MLS has been, frankly, a long and difficult one for both REALTORS® and our clients, yet our success brings incredible benefits. The knowledge that statewide MLS Subscribers can offer *every* listing held by a REALTOR® in most of the state, tax data on every property in CT, and strong, factually supported CMAs to their client cannot be overestimated.

The 2,427 broker Participants that founded CTMLS understood these issues. We have taken a considerable leap into the future of MLS services by constructing an independent, Broker run, financially secure not-for-profit MLS that still enjoys the benefits and coverage of our affiliation with CAR and NAR. To our knowledge, we are unique in the fact that we are a Broker run, independent MLS, but are still recognized by NAR as a REALTOR® organization.

We recognize that your decision to initially not be a part of CTMLS may have been out of cautious regard for your member's welfare. However, with our success we invite you to reconsider your decision. We believe that the best interests of CT REALTORS® depend upon their ability to access and provide to their clients the most complete, comprehensive, and up-to-date MLS content possible. The continued division of MLS content between CMLS and CTMLS serves no one, so I was gratified to hear from members of your leadership that CMLS is open to new possibilities.

Please accept our invitation to learn more about the benefits that we have been able to bring to the former Co-Op and Eastern MLS Subscribers. We would be happy to host a meeting at a convenient location to discuss the future of the Connecticut statewide MLS.

Sincerely,

Jerry Alaimo  
President

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