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Mr. Albert Hawkins
Executive Commissioner
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Commissioner Hawkins:

I would like to meet with you personally regarding reorganization of the radiation control program at the Texas Department of Health. I am available between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays and would appreciate a thirty minute appointment at your earliest convenience because decisions are being made about this matter in the coming days.

The nature of my meeting is to convey to you the board's serious concerns about reorganization of this program and consequences of ill-advised changes. Currently that program operates as the Bureau of Radiation Control, but I understand plans are being made for it to be disbanded into functional units. I have expressed these concerns previously in written correspondence. (See letter attached.)

I look forward to hearing from you regarding our meeting. Margaret Henderson (512/834-6688 X 2064) can confirm my available dates.

Very truly yours,

Original signed by:

Michael S. Ford, C.H.P.
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