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Eduardo Sanchez, M.D.
Commissioner
Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.
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Dear Commissioner Sanchez:

I wanted to let you know that I have written to Governor Perry, Commissioner Hawkins and Representative Chisum requesting to meet with each of them regarding reorganization of the radiation control program at the Texas Department of Health.

The purpose of meeting these individuals is to convey in person the serious concerns the Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB) has regarding the disbanding of the radiation control program along functional lines. I wanted you to know I am available to talk with you about these concerns in detail, either by telephone or in person, if desired. The TRAB already has expressed these concerns to the department through Mr. Bays in our quarterly meetings.

The TRAB provided comments to Commissioner Hawkins in the enclosed letter during the comment period on the reorganization. However, charts available at that time lacked detail about the program organization. I have since learned that major changes are being proposed for the program (now the Bureau of Radiation Control) and want to discuss their serious consequences.

I am available Monday through Friday by telephone (806)-477-5727. Or if you prefer a personal meeting, I can be in Austin between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Very truly yours,

Original signed by:

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