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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor
State of Texas
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Dear Governor Perry:

Rider 90, General Appropriations Act, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, required the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to conduct a Trauma Facility Study. DSHS contracted with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma System Consultation (TSC) program to fulfill this requirement.

The ACS sent a multi-disciplinary site visit team for this consultation which included two trauma/general surgeons, an emergency physician, a state emergency medical services/trauma director, a trauma program manager, a rural trauma and pre-hospital specialist, and a public health and injury specialist. The site visit took place in Austin on May 18 - 21, 2010.

Prior to the visit, the team distributed and reviewed responses to a Pre-Review Questionnaire prepared for the consultation. The site team also reviewed supporting documents provided by DSHS and information available on the website. The site visit team was asked and responded to the following question: "Given the size of Texas, what is the recommended number and distribution of Level I and II trauma center in the State? Particular consideration should be given to the Houston-Galveston area and to the role that lead level III trauma facilities play in Texas." The enclosed report is a focused response to that question.

DSHS will submit this report to you, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, and the Legislative Budget Board. This report is also available on the EMS and Trauma Systems website at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/default.shtm>. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Jane Guerrero, Director of the Office of EMS and Trauma Systems at (512) 834-6745 or jane.guerrero@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Lakey MD".

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Enclosure