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The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lt. Governor of Texas
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Dear Governor Patrick:

Chapter 578, Texas Health and Safety Code, requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to collect, analyze, and report data relating to the use of electroconvulsive therapy. DSHS is required to file annually a report summarizing, by facility, the information received.

The report is available on the DSHS website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/Legislative/Reports-2016.aspx. If you would like more information, or have questions, Lauren Lacefield Lewis, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, serves as lead staff on this issue. Lauren Lacefield Lewis can be reached at Lauren.LacefieldLewis@dshs.state.tx.us or at 512-206-5345.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hellerstedt", followed by a flourish.

John Hellerstedt, M.D.
Commissioner