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Dear Dr. Huntoon:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Texas Medical Board (TMB), and for bringing this important matter to my attention. I have shared your concerns with my Budget, Planning and Policy staff.

Please note that monitoring or otherwise intervening in the internal peer review process at hospitals is outside the jurisdiction of TMB.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding TMB or these issues, please feel free to contact Stephen Palmer by e-mail at stephen.palmer@governor.state.tx.us, or by phone at 512/463-8470.

Thank you again for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

Rick Perry
Governor

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