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Dear Governor Perry:

We have reviewed your letter dated August 30, 2006.

We are deeply disappointed by the response you provided.

No one asked the Texas Medical Board or your office to intervene in any internal hospital peer review matter. We merely asked the Texas Medical Board to investigate and take appropriate action with respect to a complaint of professional misconduct, based on the findings of a competent court of law.

We believe that the Texas Medical Board has both the authority and the obligation under Occupations Code Sec. 164.052(5) to require ethical professional conduct by physicians who are licensed in Texas.

We further believe that the response provided by the Texas Medical Board and by your office sends a very disturbing message to the citizens of Texas who expect the medical board and your office to act in the public's best interest.

We are hopeful that the Texas Medical Board will reconsider their position on this serious matter of professional misconduct that ultimately impacts quality care and patient safety in Texas.

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