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June 20, 2012

Dr. Mary Currier, State Health Officer Mississippi State Department of Health 570 East Woodrow Wilson Drive Jackson, MS 39216

RE: ENFORCEMENT OF HOUSE BILL #1390

Dear Dr. Currier:

House Bill 1390, which requires all physicians who perform abortions in abortion facilities in our state to have admitting and staff privileges at a local hospital and be board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, becomes law on July I, 2012. I'm sure you are aware of this bill due to the attention focused on it both before and after the 2012 legislative session. As the licensing agency for abortion facilities, the State Department of Health is responsible for enforcing the various provisions of House Bill 1390.

I am certainly aware that the Health Facilities Licensure Division is responsible for regulatory and enforcement duties on many types of facilities and does so with a limited number of employees. However, as the author of HB 1390, this legislation was one of my priorities as chairman of the Public Health and Human Services Committee, and I consider it to be an important accomplishment.

In your important role as State Health Officer, I would respectfully ask that you personally insure that the provisions of HB 1390 are fully enforced by the department on the first business day after the law's effective date of July 1, 2012.

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Accordingly, I would expect that any abortion facility in Mississippi that is staffed by a physician or physicians without hospital admitting and staff privileges and not board-certified or eligible in obstetrics and gynecology must immediately cease performing abortions until such time as the requirements of House Bill 1390 have been met.

Dr. Currier, I shall greatly appreciate your consideration and attention in addressing this matter of great importance to me. If you wish to further discuss this request, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sam C. Mims, V

cc: Governor Phil Bryant

Lt. Governor Tate Reeves

Speaker of the House Philip Gunn

Dr. Luke Lampton, Chairman