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October 5, 2015

The Honorable Scott Simon, Chairman  
House Committee on Health and Welfare  
P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station  
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Please contact me at (225) 342-9538 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable David Heitmeier, Chairman  
Louisiana Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station  
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Dear Senator Heitmeier:

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The Honorable John Alario  
President of the Senate  
Louisiana State Senate  
P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station  
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Dear Senator Alario:

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