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Chairman Lamar Smith
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Dear Chairman Smith:

As a pro-life physician and supporter of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, I am writing to ask your Committee to investigate allegations of abortion providers harming pregnant adolescents in Louisiana.

In 2008, we know more than 41,000 abortions were performed nationwide on females age 17 and younger, according to incomplete data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Unfortunately, groups that profit from abortion shrug at this number and dismiss the painful physical and emotional consequences they inflict on young girls receiving an abortion.

According to one news report, the State of Louisiana cited Delta Clinic for filling out required state paperwork long before abortions took place, "indicating that no complications with any abortions ever occurred." These physician-signed forms potentially shielded statutory rapists by listing the father's age and state of residence as "unk" or unknown in advance.

I attach correspondence from a Louisiana pro-life advocate who argues Delta "failed to follow the law regarding mandatory reporting of carnal knowledge of minors." Please review his request for a federal investigation into this and any other concerns falling under your Committee's jurisdiction. He said he has "legal evidence of actual crime." He also provided a document from the State of Louisiana reprimanding the clinic for allowing "documents containing patient names with medical information" to reach the public. After Louisiana confronted Delta with the evidence, individual abortion providers denied wrong doing in their plan of correction and admitted "this would be a violation of federal and state HIPPA regulations." I also ask you to consider this example as you work on any federal legislation to assist states in this area.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Boustany, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Member of Congress