



John Hellerstedt, M.D. Commissioner

July 19, 2019

The Honorable Ken Paxton Attorney General of Texas P.O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

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The report is available on the DSHS website at

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Glenn Hegar Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts P.O. Box 12528, Capital Station Austin, Texas 78711-3548

Dear Comptroller Hegar:

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