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To be submitted in the case styled: Cause No. 17-0256, In the Supreme Court of Texas, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, Marc Wilson, M.D., and Alliance OB/GYN Specialists, PLLC d/b/a OB/GYN Specialists, Petitioners, v. D.A. and M.A., Individually and as Next Friends of A.A., a Minor, Respondents, On Petition for Review from the Second District Court of Appeals at Fort Worth, Texas

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*If it pleases the Court:*

This letter is submitted on behalf of The American Medical Association (“AMA”), which is the largest professional association of physicians, residents and medical students in the United States. Additionally, through state and specialty medical societies and other physician groups seated in its House of Delegates, substantially all US physicians, residents and medical students are represented in the AMA's policy-making process. The AMA was founded in 1847 to promote the science and art of medicine and the betterment of public health, and these remain its core purposes. AMA members practice in every medical specialty area and in every state, including Texas. The AMA files this letter on its own behalf and as a representative of the Litigation Center of the American Medical Association and the State Medical Societies. The Litigation Center is a coalition of the AMA and the medical societies of each state, plus the District of Columbia, whose purpose is to represent the viewpoint of organized medicine in the Courts.

This letter is submitted in reference to the following case:

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The AMA fully supports and joins the Brief of Amici Curiae previously filed in this Cause by the Texas Alliance for Patient Access, Texas Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, Texas Hospital Association, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and further incorporates said Brief into this letter as if fully set forth herein.

AMA has not compensated the listed counsel for filing of this letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter brief, your thoughtful work on these cases and for your service to this State.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Brian G. Jackson*

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Letter Brief of Amicus Curiae was served on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, on the following individuals:

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