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Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., MD
Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
630 Camp St.
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Dr. Culotta:

It has come to our attention that, beginning in January 2019, Dr. Kevin Work (Certificate No. MD.025394) has been performing abortions in two outpatient abortion facilities, Delta Women's Clinic in Baton Rouge and Women's Healthcare Center in New Orleans.

As you know, Dr. Work has a long history of disciplinary actions, such as:

- Allowing for his electronic signature to be used for treatment of patients he did not see;
- Allowing other medical personnel to treat patients without his supervision;
- Allowing unlicensed personnel to evaluate his patients and provide prenatal care;
- Failing to document controlled substances prescriptions;
- Providing false sworn information to the board concerning his surgical operations at Midtown Medical and neglecting to make operative notes of these procedures; and

It is important to note that a number of these items occurred while Dr. Work was practicing at an outpatient abortion facility.

In 2017 Dr. Work notified the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) that he was unable to satisfy a condition specified in an earlier consent order, namely, the successful passage of the Board Certification Examination in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and that he would like to be reinstated to work in the area of wound care. Pursuant to this request, his license was reinstated on probation (Board Order 15 A 009) for a period of two years from the effective date of the order (June 20, 2017), conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance and strict compliance with various terms, conditions, and restrictions. These conditions included a limitation of practice to a setting approved by the Board in writing and that such practice setting not be one in which he worked as a solo practitioner. I have enclosed a copy of the order for ease of reference.

As an abortion physician at these facilities, Dr. Work is working in an area focused on Obstetrics and Gynecology instead of the stated field of "wound care." In addition, Dr. Work appears to be working in a solo practitioner capacity, and his current practice appears to be in violation of his current written probation order available on the



LSBME website.

We would be surprised if the LSBME were to grant Dr. Work permission to work in outpatient abortion facilities, especially given his troubled history at outpatient abortion facilities, his failure to pass the Board Certification Examination in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and his own desire to pursue wound care.

It is our concern that public safety is in jeopardy. I am writing to inquire about this apparent contradiction between Dr. Work's probation, his troubled history, and his current state of practice at these two outpatient abortion facilities. If Dr. Work is in violation of his probation, then we ask that swift action be taken by the LSBME to ensure that Dr. Work does not continue in his current capacity and that further disciplinary be pursued if appropriate. If the Board determines that Dr. Work is not in conflict with his probation, then we request a full explanation of the justification for allowing Dr. Work, with his concerning history, to be practicing in the abortion setting.

Thank you for your timely consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin Clapper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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