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Ms. Cheryl Sullenger
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RE: Operation Rescue - Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

Dear Ms. Sullenger:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 18, 2010 requesting a criminal investigation against Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Susan Haskell, D.O. and Thomas William Ross, D.O. relating to internet teleconferencing medicine.

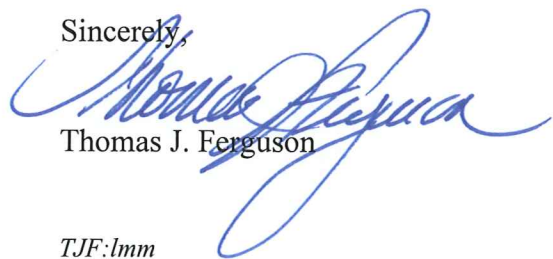
As you may be aware, the Iowa Board of Medicine is entrusted with the responsibility to license physicians and to discipline a physician if, after an investigation, notice and hearing, the physician is found to have violated required standards of practice.

A complaint regarding this issue has been filed with the Iowa Board of Medicine and it is my understanding that an investigation is underway. The Board is required by law to report any evidence of a violation of law discovered in the course of its investigation to the proper law enforcement agency. If the Board obtains information indicating a crime had been committed, then it is mandated to report that information to the law enforcement official with jurisdiction where the incident occurred, such as the Chief of Police, Sheriff or County Attorney. If local law enforcement is notified by the Board that evidence of a violation of law occurred, the matter will be reviewed and decisions made as to how to proceed.

Under Iowa law, our office is not charged with the responsibility of investigating criminal offenses. However, we review investigations by law enforcement agencies. We will await the outcome of the investigation by the Iowa Board of Medicine concerning your complaint.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Ferguson

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