

May 6, 2016

The Honorable John A. Alario
President of the Senate
P. O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Senator Alario:

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Please contact me at (225) 342-4044 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
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Dear Senator Mills:

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The Honorable Taylor Barras
Speaker of the House
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Dear Representative Barras:

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