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Mayor Sylvester Turner City of Houston 901 Bagby, Third Floor Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mayor Turner:

Thank you for your letter dated Aug. 12, 2022, received August 16, 2022 by email.

On May 14th of this year, I joined millions of Americans in opposing the criminalization of reproductive health, and I marched with thousands of people in Washington, D.C., to speak out against making personal medical matters a crime. It was an honor to stand alongside so many in the heart of a place that has hosted so many great moments in our history.

We in the Harris County District Attorney's Office respect the decisions of medical professionals and their patients about what treatment is appropriate when life and health are at risk. Our Intake process requires that any investigation of a complaint about a medical decision alleged to be a crime must be initiated by police, who are first responders. If police have de-prioritized such investigations in order to focus on the violent criminals in Harris County, we applaud that move. As you know, this Administration has and continues to prioritize prosecution of the violent criminals who pose the greatest threat to the people of Harris County.

Sincerely,

Kim Ogg / Harris County District Attorney

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