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December 4, 2007

Mr. Lawrence Smarr, President
Physician Insurers Association of America
2275 Research Blvd., Suite 250
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Dear Mr. Smarr:

Thank you for your letter of November 20, 2007, expressing your support for the medical malpractice reporting model law process and sharing your concerns and request.

As the role of the Statistical Information Task Force (Task Force) is to provide technical expertise and advice to the parent Property and Casualty Insurance (C) Committee for consideration of any model law, I am going to request the Task Force to provide their final recommendations on data elements that should be included in the database.

The proper role of the Property and Casualty Insurance (C) Committee in this process, then, will be to consider the public policy issues regarding the model law, especially with regard to disclosure and the extent to which the choice of technical reporting mechanism may impact this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. McCarty", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin M. McCarty
Florida Insurance Commissioner

Cc: NAIC Property and Casualty Insurance (C) Committee
Eric Nordman
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