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Secretary Bruce D. Greenstein
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Dear Secretary Greenstein:

As a pro-life physician and supporter of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, I request your assistance protecting pregnant adolescents from unscrupulous abortion providers.

According to one news report, the State of Louisiana cited Delta Clinic for filling out required state paperwork long before abortions took place. These physician-signed forms potentially shielded statutory rapists by listing the father's age and state of residence as "unk" or unknown in advance. In response, Louisiana pro-life advocate, Richard Mahoney contended abortionists concealed or provided false information on the age of the father "on every form for over 30 years." He blames Louisiana officials for neglecting to enforce the law requiring reporting the age of the father, arguing violators would face a "\$500 fine or six months in prison for every form not submitted or falsified" if your administration enforced the law.

I understand your department rejected Mahoney's request for a summary of basic information contained on completed Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy Forms in your possession. Mr. Mahoney said he asked for the total "number of abortions done on minors, the age of the minor and the age of the baby's father, which are required by the DHH Office of Vital Records to determine how many minors were raped."

Your department's reply letter argued "medical records are not public records" and directed readers to a website that does not provide a specific total for abortions performed on females below the age of 18. The website excluded information on fathers' ages. Your department claimed "if the information is not in this report we do not have it."

In the interest of helping statutory rape victims, please instruct your staff to scan the completed forms

in your possession to provide basic totals Mr. Mahoney requested. If the information on fathers' ages remains incomplete on these forms due to fraud, please explain Louisiana's decision not to punish physicians who falsified documents.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Boustany, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Charles W. Boustany, Jr., M.D.
Member of Congress

