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IN CARE OF:

David E. Fowler, Attorney at Law
1113 Murfreesboro Road, No. 106-167
Franklin, TN 37064

Re: Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Mr. Fowler,

On December 19, 2019, George Grant and the other above-named persons ("Petitioners") served a Petition for Declaratory Order ("Petition"). Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-223(a)(2), I respectfully decline to issue a declaratory order. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-223(a)(2) and § 4-5-225(a), Petitioners may file a petition for declaratory judgment in the Chancery Court of Davidson County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Piercey".

Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP
Commissioner