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Mr. Brad Livingston
Executive Director
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
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Dear Director Livingston:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you the results of our assessment of threats including a terrorist threat, to pharmacies who have been publicly identified as providing controlled substances to corrections departments including, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the purpose of fulfilling its statutory obligation to execute prisoners.

It is our assessment that some of the threats made to the Woodlands Compounding Pharmacy that we identified should be taken seriously and we recommend that all threats received by the Woodlands Compounding Pharmacy be reported to law enforcement officials as soon as they receive them and that the employees receive training on the detection and reporting of suspicious activity.

Pharmacies by design are easily accessible to the public and present a soft target to violent attacks. It is our assessment that publicly linking a pharmacy or other drug supplier to the production of controlled substances to be used in executions presents a substantial threat of physical harm to the pharmacy, other drug supplier and its personnel and should be avoided to the greatest extent possible.

If you should like a detailed briefing of our assessment, please contact me at (512) 424-7771.

Sincerely,

Steven C. McCraw
Director

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