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solely in religious policy and devoid of any medical basis, Mrs. Mann was forced to search, at 36 weeks of pregnancy, for another hospital and another physician to provide the procedure that she needs to protect her life. With only two days left until her delivery date, Mrs. Mann is still

2015 that would allow Mrs. Mann to have the tubal ligation at the time of her scheduled C-section at Genesys on October 24, 2015. As part of her letter in support of that request, Dr. Ivana Vettraino, Mrs. Mann's maternal fetal medicine specialist, wrote the following:

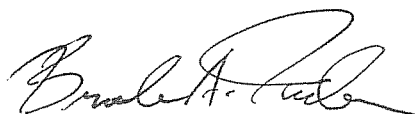
should not become pregnant. Anesthesia is also a risk for this patient. To undergo a separate procedure requiring an additional episode of anesthesia when the tubal ligation can be performed with the anesthesia required for the cesarean delivery does not appear

delivered, explaining the risks associated with a subsequent procedure to obtain a tubal ligation

which would require another episode of full anesthesia. Both options fall well below the standard of appropriate care. Following her doctors' recommendations, Mrs. Mann decided to

Last year, we warned that absent investigation by your agency, Genesys' tubal sterilization ban would severely compromise the healthcare of its female patients. Unfortunately, that warning was not heeded and Mrs. Mann has suffered as a result. Please do not allow Genesys to further subject other women to the same unnecessary mistreatment as Mrs. Mann. It has long been recognized that religious belief is not a sufficient basis to justify harm to others. Given that patient safety and welfare are at stake, your agency must immediately investigate Genesys and Ascension, and take appropriate action to hold them accountable for their egregious conduct with respect to Mrs. Mann and all others who have been harmed by this medically dangerous and unnecessary policy. We look forward to a prompt response by your agency, and request that you confirm receipt of this complaint by October 28, 2015, and provide notification of the steps you intend to take to investigate this issue.

Sincerely,



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