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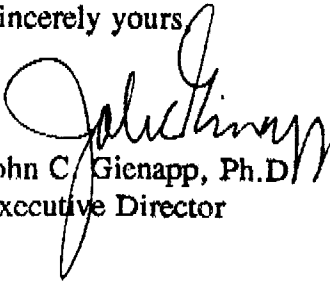
Dear Congressman Hoekstra:

John I. Fishburne, M.D., the Chair of the Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics-Gynecology, informs me that the following substitute wording (indicated by underlining) for Section III.A.2.e of the revised Program Requirements for Obstetrics-Gynecology is acceptable to the Residency Review Committee.

"No program or resident with a religious or moral objection will be required to provide training in, or to perform, induced abortions. Otherwise, access to experience with induced abortion must be part of residency education. This education can be provided outside the institution. Experience with management of complications of abortion must be provided to all residents. If a residency program has a religious, moral or legal restriction which prohibits the residents from performing abortions within the institution, the program must ensure that the residents receive a satisfactory education and experience managing the complications of abortion. Furthermore, such residency programs 1) must not impede residents in their program who do not have a religious or moral objection from receiving education and experience in performing abortion at another institution; and 2) must publicize such policy to all applicants to that residency."

We hope that this will better inform the debate concerning pending legislation.

Sincerely yours,



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