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Ms. Emna Aouij  
Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group  
on the issue of discrimination against women  
in law and in practice  
Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Dainius Puras  
Special Rapporteur on the right of  
everyone to the enjoyment of the  
highest attainable standard of  
physical and mental health  
Geneva, Switzerland

Ms. Farida Manjoo  
Special Rapporteur on violence against women,  
its causes and consequence  
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Ms. Aouij, Mr. Puras, and Ms. Manjoo:

Thank you for your February 11, 2015 letter concerning House Bill No. 2 (H.B. 2), legislation adopted by the state of Texas in 2013 relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities. I am writing to supplement our previous response to you, dated June 23, 2015. In a subsequent development in the litigation challenging H.B. 2, the United States Supreme Court granted a stay of the June 9, 2015 mandate of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on June 29, 2015. The Supreme Court did so pending the timely filing and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith M. Harper".

Keith M. Harper  
Ambassador  
U.S. Representative to the United Nations  
Human Rights Council