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Dear Ms. Bailor:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 12-268 and proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH"). The proposed rule adds 410 IAC 15-5 to establish the license fees for hospitals, ambulatory outpatient surgical centers, abortion clinics, and birthing centers.

The economic impact statement prepared by the ISDH indicates that the fee structure contained the proposed rule has been in place at the same rates since 2003 under 414 IAC 1 but is being moved due to a legislative change. The ISDH also estimates that seven hospitals, most of the 134 ambulatory surgery centers, nine abortion clinics, and four birthing centers may meet the definition of a small business. Based on this information, the ISDH concludes that the proposed rule will not increase any administrative burden or impose any economic impact on small businesses.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or eshields@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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