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Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD
Connecticut Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue
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Dear Commissioner Juthani,

I hope that my letter finds you and finds you doing well.

As a physician who has more than 30 years of direct patient care experience, and as a State Senator, I am concerned about the delays in the readings of Radiology tests that have occurred by Jefferson Radiology. I have heard from constituents of mine and from others who are patients who have waited lengthy periods of time for their tests to be read and reported, or who are still waiting. I know that there are physician and health care professional colleagues of mine who have expressed concerns.

What actions has the Department of Public Health taken to find out the details and the scope of what is happening? What actions has the Department of Public Health taken to understand the reasons about what is happening? What actions has the Department of Public health taken to address what is happening so as to have things resolved?

I am writing to you for the purposes of the medical care for the people of Connecticut. Delays in the reporting of medical tests can have potential adverse effects upon patient care. I am not blaming any one physician at Jefferson Radiology, who in my experience provide good patient care. But the situation seems to be a system problem at Jefferson Radiology if test readings and reports have become delayed. It is important for the Department of Public Health to get to the root causes so as to have the current situation remedied in the short-term and to prevent similar situations occurring in the long-term, either at Jefferson Radiology or elsewhere in Connecticut.

I look forward to hearing from you in a timely manner. I look forward also to meeting with you to discuss this situation.

Sincerely,

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