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April 7, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

The Texas Civil Justice League (TCJL) joins with its sister organizations Texans for Lawsuit Reform, Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association, and Texas Alliance for Patient Access in requesting you to issue an executive order granting liability protections to physicians, nurses, hospitals, and other health care providers who are risking their lives to care for patients infected with the coronavirus.

Your action by executive order would place Texas among the growing number of states that have already adopted or are in the process of adopting legislation to require a claimant to prove that a health care provider acted with reckless disregard for the patient's well-being or committed intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct that caused harm to the patient. We believe this measure would appropriately recognize the heroic efforts of our health care professionals to battle this disease on our behalf and make it possible for Texans to get back to their normal lives as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our request and for your outstanding leadership in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

  
George S. Christian  
Senior Counsel