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Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
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Dear Victoria:

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3, Attorney General Tom Miller has disqualified himself from representing the state in litigation challenging the recently enacted Senate File 359, the fetal heartbeat bill. The disqualification is based on the Attorney General's determination that he could not zealously assert the state's position because of his core belief that the statute, if upheld, would undermine rights and protections for women.

After consulting with the Governor's office and legislators, the Attorney General would recommend the Executive Council authorize the appointment of the Thomas More Society, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60603, to represent the state in this litigation. Thomas More has agreed to handle the litigation on a pro bono basis.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY S. THOMPSON
Solicitor General