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November 3, 2025

Mr. Steve Blankinship  
Chief Deputy Attorney General  
Attorney General's Office  
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LOCAL

Dear Mr. Blankinship:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal services and representation to Iowa with respect to investigations into and possible litigation of certain business practices of several major pharmaceutical companies and pharmacy benefit managers (collectively, the "Insulin Targets") regarding the provision and pricing of insulin products.

Firm: Barbour Hurst (who will partner with Liston & Deas PLLC)  
1400 Meadowbrook  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Rate: Contingent-fee basis

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