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Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol

Re: Retention of Substitute Counsel

Dear Victoria:


Pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3, Attorney General Tom Miller has disqualified himself and our office from representing the State in litigation challenging Iowa Code Sections 146A (HF 594) and 146C (SF359). The disqualification is based upon the Attorney General's determination that he could not zealously assert the State's position defending the statutes because of his core belief that the position, should it prevail, would undermine the rights of and protections for women in Iowa. After consulting with the Governor's office, this office recommends that the Executive Counsel retain the following attorneys and firms as Substitute Counsel:

Alan Ostergren
The Kirkwood Institute
500 Locust Street, Suite 199
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Christopher Schandavel, Denise Harle, and John Bursch
Alliance Defending Freedom
44180 Riverside Parkway
Lansdowne, Virginia 20176

All four attorneys have agreed to provide legal services to the State at no cost to Iowa Taxpayers. The State will still be responsible for the reasonable court costs associated with the litigation.

Sincerely,



JEFFREY S. THOMPSON
Solicitor General