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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
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Dear Governor Abbott:

Chapter 578, Texas Health and Safety Code, requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to collect, analyze, and report data relating to the use of electroconvulsive therapy. DSHS is required to file annually a report summarizing, by facility, the information received.

The report is available on the DSHS website at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/Legislative/Reports-2016.aspx](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/Legislative/Reports-2016.aspx). If you would like more information, or have questions, Lauren Lacefield Lewis, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, serves as lead staff on this issue. Lauren Lacefield Lewis can be reached at [Lauren.LacefieldLewis@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Lauren.LacefieldLewis@dshs.state.tx.us) or at 512-206-5345.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner