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Attorney General Bailey:

As we stated last week, we continue to review allegations by a Washington University employee regarding care provided at the Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Like you, we were concerned by the allegations. We have begun the process of reviewing practices and protocols at the Transgender Center to ensure that we are upholding the highest standards of care in service to our patients and their families. We are committed to providing lifesaving, evidence-based care that aligns with the standards set by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Caring for our patients and their families is our highest priority and a critical component of the missions of our institutions. We believe you will share in our concern for the health, safety and well-being of our most vulnerable populations, including, importantly, the young people we serve. We know that patients who are experiencing gender dysphoria and related issues are often at significant risk. The Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital is the *only* place in the entire state of Missouri where transgender youth can access the care they need to ensure their mental and physical well-being.

Therefore, we cannot institute a moratorium that would deny critical, standards-based care to current and new patients. Out of an abundance of caution, however, we are establishing additional oversight at the Transgender Center, and we will continue our internal review of practices at the Center to ensure that our patients and families are receiving the appropriate guidance and care for their individual medical needs.

As always, we will continue to cooperate with your office and other government agencies to protect the health and safety of Missouri's children. We will keep you

apprised as we continue to explore this matter, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Liekweg, President and CEO
BJC HealthCare
On behalf of its St. Louis Children's Hospital



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