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The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
Federal Courthouse
40 Foley Square
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Re: State of New York, et al. v. United States Department of Health and Human Services, et al., Nos. 1:19-cv-4676 (PAE); 1:19-cv-5433 (PAE); 1:19-cv-5435 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP represents proposed *amici curiae* the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, the American Muslim Health Professionals, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (collectively, "*amici*"), in the above-referenced matter. *Amici* have filed a Motion for Leave to Submit Brief of Leading Medical Organizations as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. (Dkt. 203.) In connection therewith, we respectfully request leave to present oral argument on behalf of *amici* at the hearing scheduled for October 18, 2019 in the above-referenced matter (Dkt. 121).

Amici are the leading medical organizations representing physicians and health practitioners in the United States. *Amici* are dedicated to health care, to research, and to evidence-based health policy, and have valuable insight to provide to the Court as to the implications of the Department of Health and Human Services rule entitled "Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care," 84 Fed. Reg. 23170 (May 21, 2019) ("the Rule"), for patient health and the ethical practice of medicine.

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Respectfully submitted,

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