

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Secretary

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Re: Texas Medical Board, FTC File No. 151-0180

Dear Mr. Bitter:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has been conducting a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the Texas Medical Board or any other unnamed persons, partnerships, or corporations have engaged or are engaging in conduct that violates Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, through the adoption and enforcement of rules related to the provision of telemedicine services by physicians.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark Secretary