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VIA FACSIMILE 850-487-2564 The Honorable Pamela Jo Bondi Florida Attorney General The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

Re: State of Florida et al., v. United States Department of Health and Human

Services, et al,

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

Pursuant to our discussions and the communications of our offices, I hereby authorize you and the other Plaintiffs in the case captioned *State of Florida et al., v. United States Department of Health and Human Services, et al,* to move for leave to amend the complaint to add Ohio as a party plaintiff in this action challenging the constitutionality of the recent healthcare act. The act vastly exceeds federal powers under Article I of the Constitution; it encroaches upon the rights of Ohio citizens and greatly burdens the States.

Thank you for proceeding in this fashion at the earliest appropriate convenience. I look forward to working vigorously with you and our other colleagues as we seek to uphold the important Constitutional principles at issue in this case.

Sincerely,

Michael DeWine

Ohio Attorney General

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