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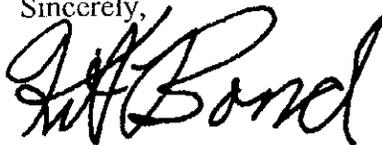
Mr. Joe Tilghman
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Dear Mr. Tilghman:

Attached is a letter from the Missouri Health Care Association (MHCA), sent to my attention and copied to you as well. The MHCA letter responds to your letter dated May 17, 2000, regarding the HCFA Comparative Federal Monitoring Survey at Frene Valley Healthcare South in Owensville, Missouri. Please review the attached letter and respond as appropriate to MHCA's comments as they pertain to HCFA.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of your response at your earliest convenience. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Donovan at (202) 224-5175. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond
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Attachment

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