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Honorable William A. O'Neill
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Re: Notice of Intent to Investigate
Southbury Training School

Dear Governor O'Neill:

I am writing to let you know of our intention to investigate conditions within Southbury Training School in Southbury, Connecticut. This investigation is pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997.

The purpose of this investigation will be to determine whether there exist any violations of the federal constitutional or statutory rights of persons residing in this facility with respect to misuse of restraints; inadequate medical care; abuse, neglect and patient safety; and inadequate training as is necessary to further the residents' interests in safety and freedom from unreasonable bodily restraint. The initiation of this investigation in no way indicates any prejudgment on our part that federal rights have been violated. If any violations are found, we look forward to conferring with you and your staff concerning corrective actions that might be appropriate.


As a means of commencing this investigation, I wish to propose an initial meeting in the near future between our attorneys and representatives of your office. It has been our experience that such a preliminary conference can substantially expedite the investigation process. We will also wish

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I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Joseph I. Lieberman
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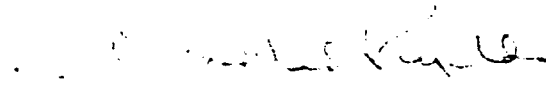
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