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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Richard Thornburgh  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Governor's Executive Office  
Room 225  
Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Investigation of Ebensburg Center

Dear Governor Thornburgh:

I am writing to let you know of our intention to investigate conditions at the Ebensburg Center, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. 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 abuse, lack of supervision, inadequate staffing, undue restraints, inadequate medical care, including abuse of medications, and denial of minimally adequate training. The initiation of this investigation in no way indicates any prejudice on our part that federal rights have been violated. If any violations are found, we will 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 to arrange for our attorneys, consultants, and perhaps agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit the facility. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our meeting and later visits.

cc: Records Chrono Peabody Katz Lawrence Varley ✓  
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I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

cc: Leroy S. Zimmerman, Esquire  
Attorney General

Mr. Walter Cohen  
Director  
Department of Public Welfare

Mr. Alan M. Bellomo, Director  
Ebensburg Center

J. Alan Johnson, Esquire  
United States Attorney