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VIA EXPRESS MAIL

The Honorable Dennis Archer
Mayor
City of Detroit
1126 City-County Building
Two Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mayor Archer:

I am writing to advise you that we have recently investigated conditions of confinement at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility (formerly known as Wayne County Youth Home) pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq. This facility houses state wards as well as juveniles who are wards of Wayne County.

During the course of this investigation, we learned that there is a public school program affiliated with the facility operated by the City of Detroit under the general auspices of the State of Michigan. Our further research indicated that you may be responsible for the educational services offered in this program. In these circumstances, we wish to give you notice of this investigation and to advise you that, under separate cover, we will be advising both you and Wayne County officials of the findings of this investigation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Iris Goldschmidt or Tawana

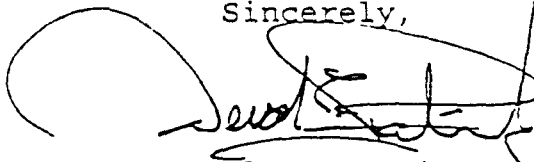
CRIPA Investigation, Wayne County (MI)



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Sincerely,



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