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Civil Rights Division

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Washington, D.C. 20035

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The Honorable John Engler
Governor of the State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
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Dear Governor Engler:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Crane Correctional Facility (CCF) in Coldwater, Michigan, and the Scott Correctional Facility (SCF) in Plymouth, Michigan. This investigation is authorized and will be conducted pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1997 et seq.

The purpose of this investigation is to determine whether there exist any violations of the federal constitutional rights of prisoners housed at these facilities. The investigation will focus on, but not be limited to, allegations that inmates confined at CCF and SCF are being subjected to unsafe and life-threatening living conditions as a result of sexual assaults, lack of protection from harm, inadequate medical care, including mental health care, and inadequate due process.

We would like to initiate this investigation as soon as possible. In that regard, attorneys from my office will contact your staff within the next week to arrange a meeting between attorneys and representatives of your office, followed by a tour of the Crane Correctional Facility and the Scott Correctional Facility by our consultants and personnel from the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. The attorneys responsible for this matter are Shanetta Y. Brown, (202) 514-0195 and Laurie J. Weinstein, (202) 514-6408.

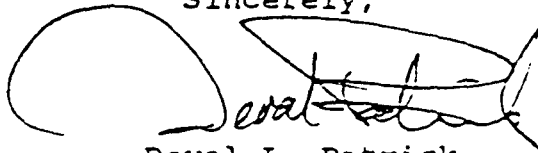
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I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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