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SENT VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Peter Govorchin
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Re: Resolution of ADA Investigation of Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility,
Michigan Department of Corrections
DJ 204-37-333; 204-37-334; 204-37-335; 204-37-336
AG No. 2010-0034076-A

Dear Mr. Govorchin:

As you know, the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice (Department), along with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, has been investigating complaints of alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act occurring at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV) since 2010.

On June 16, 2014, we sent you correspondence detailing specific parameters necessary to resolve this investigation. According to this resolution letter, WHV was to have completed all the required items by December 31, 2014. The resolution letter was later extended to December 31, 2015. As of today's date, we still have not received confirmation that these items have been completed.

In addition, on September 29, 2015, we provided you with the reports of Dr. Robert Greifinger, MD, our medical expert; Dr. Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D. ABPP, our mental health care/suicide prevention expert; and James C. Welch, RN, HNB-BC, our nursing expert; which documented their findings and recommendations based on on-site reviews conducted at WHV in August 2015. However, we have not received any response describing what, if anything, WHV is doing to address their findings or implement their recommendations.

Moreover, even in the areas in which our experts noted improvement during their August visit, many of the changes made by WHV had only been recently introduced and so we have not

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yet been able to evaluate the full impact of the changes as implemented.

For all of these reasons, we are extending the resolution letter for another six months to **June 30, 2016**. This timeframe will allow us to conduct another on-site review of WHV, which is currently scheduled for April 12-14, 2016, as well as to work with you on any issues that may still be outstanding following that review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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