



NIKKI R. HALEY, Governor
WILLIAM R. BYARS, JR., Director

October 20, 2011

Dear Recipient:

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is in receipt of the letter, with attachments, from Gloria M. Prevost with Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. dated October 10, 2011. We have reviewed the letter and attachments submitted by Ms. Prevost. This matter has been pending since June 20, 2005. The presiding judge in this matter has authorized the parties to release information to you; however, he has not sanctioned the content of these letters. The South Carolina Department of Corrections does not feel that it is appropriate to litigate this matter anywhere other than the courtroom and therefore, will not offer a point by point rebuttal to the plaintiff's contentions.

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has, and will continue to address not only the needs of the mental health inmates but also other issues which confront the Department during these economically difficult times.

The Department would have preferred to address these issues with Ms. Prevost and we hope that is still a possibility. We hope that the controversies in this case can be resolved in mediation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W R Byars Jr." in a cursive style.

William R. Byars, Jr.

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