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August 11, 2015 – By email to all

Dear Attorney General Hood, Counsel Owens & Kelly:

This office represents Families as Allies (FAA) and Dr. Joy Hogge, its Executive Director.

As all of you know, FAA is a family-based and controlled advocacy and education organization which represents families whose children have serious mental health challenges.

Today, by all accounts, the State of Mississippi is poorly serving these families and their members. Broken systems abound in the state mental health, criminal justice and educational arenas and these directly affect the day-to-day lives of FAA members and families. Issues range from inability to access mental health care due to financial impediments to the quality of available care and its timely provision. Consequences of systems failure include the perpetuation of the school to prison pipeline, the vast waste of under-developed human potential and the tremendous toll on individual families taken by their ongoing struggles to get timely and effective services for family members.

It is our understanding that each of you has been engaged in negotiations intended to remedy some of the issues identified above, particularly as relates to the delivery of mental health services. You negotiate in an interesting context: a long-pending, but not certified class action, and engagement, without suit, by the Department of Justice. This context means that any settlement you achieve need not receive court approval or even a public hearing.

We find this state of affairs difficult to digest or accept since so many of our members and their families have so much at stake as a consequence of your expected work product. While we wish you a positive resolution, we also would like to insure that this resolution well re-structures broken systems and best serves Mississippi.

Consequently and in light of our status as representative of major shareholders, I am requesting that, before finalizing any settlement, all of you meet with Dr. Hogge and two or three members of FAA's Board of Directors and receive their input on the systemic failures which need address for any successful resolution.

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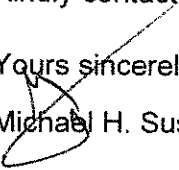
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While I recognize that this request may be unusual in that we seek an audience with all of you together, we proceed in good faith and without desire to do anything more than insure that each party at the table can consider the views our people can bring.

Kindly contact Dr. Hogge to arrange such a meeting.

Yours sincerely,


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