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The Honorable John Gibney
US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
Federal Courthouse
701 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Settlement Agreement:
United States vs the Commonwealth of Virginia
January 26, 2012

An association for persons or organizations with an interest in or that provide support for persons who have mental illness, developmental delay or substance use disorder, and who are licensed by or funded by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Dear Judge Gibney:

Enclosed please find information which may help the Court understand the impact that the implementation of the agreement entered into by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Department of Justice on January 26, 2012 and provisionally approved by the Court by its Order on March 6, 2012 will have on the private sector providers.

We do support the Agreement for the overall and long term positive effect it will have on the Virginia system of care. We certainly acknowledge that individuals with multiple and complex needs are currently being well supported in a variety of community settings. We continue, however, to be concerned about the additional costs which will come with the implementation of the Agreement.

Please feel free to contact me at 804-560-4640 for any additional information which might be helpful as you go forward.

Sincerely,

Jennifer G. Fidura
Secretary

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cc Board of Directors