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Steve Elledge
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Re: Reginald Peters

Dear Mr. Elledge,

On November 29, 2010, our office filed an emergency ARP on behalf of Reginald Peters, a physically handicapped inmate at Iberia Parish Jail. Following your receipt of that letter, you informed me during our phone conversation that Mr. Peters would be transferred to Elayn Hunt Correctional Center where he could receive the appropriate care and treatment. I have since called you three times to follow up on Mr. Peters' condition and you have repeatedly advised me that Warden Hayes would contact me. He has not.

Mr. Peters remains housed at Iberia Parish Jail. The crux of our initial complaint was that Iberia Parish Jail is not adequately housing and treating Mr. Peters who suffers from muscular dystrophy. It has now been almost **40 calendar days since we notified you that a human being is sleeping on the floor in your jail and cannot clean himself or go to the restroom.**

We wrote in an attempt to amicably resolve this matter without resorting to litigation. However, five weeks later, we have not received confirmation from the jail that Mr. Peters is being housed humanely. We believe that you are exposing the parish to potential liability for a significant amount of damages.

In light of your failure to respond, we will proceed to consider litigation. Enclosed, you will find a copy of the November 29, 2010 first step ARP wherein you were notified of Mr. Peters' dire condition.

Sincerely,


Katie Schwartzmann
Legal Director

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Enclosures

Cc:
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Sheriff, Iberia Parish

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Warden, Iberia Parish Jail

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