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The Honorable Mason C. Andrews
Mayor, City of Norfolk
1109 City Hall Building
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Dear Mayor Andrews:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Norfolk City Jail (NCJ) in Norfolk, Virginia. This investigation is authorized and will be conducted pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of this investigation is to determine whether there exist any violations of the federal constitutional rights of inmates housed at this facility. The investigation will focus on, but not be limited to, allegations that inmates confined at NCJ are being subjected to unsafe and life-threatening living conditions as a result of overcrowding, inadequate staffing, lack of protection from harm, inadequate medical care, an unsanitary physical plant and inadequate fire safety issues.

We would like to initiate this investigation as soon as possible. In that regard, staff attorneys from my office will contact your staff within the next week to arrange a meeting between attorneys and representatives of your office, followed by a tour of the Norfolk City Jail by our consultants and personnel from the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

CRIPA Investigation, Norfolk (VA)

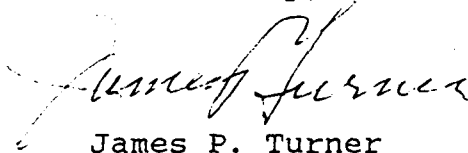


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I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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