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Washington DC 20530

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Joe Taylor
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RE: Grant County Jail

Dear Mr. Taylor:

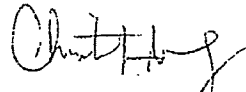
This letter concerns our request that your clients provide us with a response to our February 6, 2013, compliance letter. As you know, in that letter, we informed your clients that Grant County has failed to implement a majority of the provisions of the 2009 Settlement Agreement ("the Agreement") between the County and the United States, and that conditions at the Grant County Jail ("the Jail") continue to pose an excessive risk of harm to inmates. For instance, mentally ill inmates still do not receive timely assessments, treatment, or care under the supervision of a psychiatrist. These types of problems date back to the beginning of our investigation into conditions at the Jail. Moreover, a number of inmates have been harmed, and at least two have died during the period the County has neglected its obligations. To date, the County has not provided us with a substantive response to our compliance letter. We are writing to you now in an attempt to move this matter forward.

For months, we have repeatedly tried to convince your clients to address the findings and recommendations contained in our compliance letter. We have spoken to you on two occasions, sent you emails, and left messages with you, all in an effort to move toward substantive discussions over how your clients can come into compliance with the terms of its Agreement with the United States. On June 16th, you advised us that the County would soon get back to us with a detailed response to our letter, but we have received no such response.

There is no reasonable justification for a delay of half a year in hearing back from your clients on what steps will be taken to bring the County into compliance with the commitments it has made to the United States. Indeed, your client's unwillingness to engage with the United States over the pattern of non-compliance our experts observed at the Jail suggests indifference toward the constitutional rights of the Jail's inmates.

Consequently, at this time, we ask that your clients provide us with a detailed written response to our most recent compliance letter by no later than July 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher N. Cheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" being more legible than the last name "Cheng".

Christopher N. Cheng
Attorney
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