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Re: Coffee County Jail

Dear Counsel:

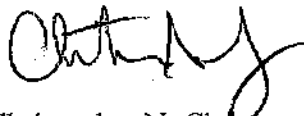
We write to inform you and your clients that we are closing the Department of Justice's investigation of conditions in the Coffee County Jail ("Jail"), which was conducted pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Person Act ("CRIPA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997.

In making this decision, we have considered the county's past and ongoing remedial efforts. Of particular positive note, the County replaced a badly outdated facility with the more modern Jail, retained a medical contractor that made numerous improvements, increased the pay and staffing levels for correctional officers, and adopted new classification policies and supervision practices.

We encourage the County and Jail administrators to regularly reach out to the National Institute of Corrections, as well as county government and law enforcement associations, to remain abreast of current standards and correctional practices. This type of continued education may be particularly useful as the County refines its classification and housing program, addresses the Jail's place in a community mental health system, improves detoxification and intake assessment procedures, and seeks alternatives to more Jail spending.

We wish to thank you and your clients for their cooperation in this matter, and for their hard work over the years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheng", written over the printed name.

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cc: A.J. Dovers
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