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*This Letter Sent VIA Email Only*

Re: *Darrin Rushing v MDOC*  
Macomb County Circuit Court, Case No. 19-001635-CD

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Directors:

MCL 18.1396 directs that the Attorney General notify you in the event of a settlement or consent judgment in excess of \$200,000. Accordingly, I am notifying you that, with the concurrence of the Michigan Department of Corrections, a

Stipulation and Order in Satisfaction of Final Judgment in the amount of \$2,352,227.40 was recently entered by the Macomb County Circuit Court, inclusive of the trial court Judgment in the amount of \$1,979,785.44, plus post-judgment statutory interest, appellate attorney fees and costs.

This is an employment action. Plaintiff/Appellee, a Corrections Officer, claimed disability discrimination under the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (“the Act”), including failure to accommodate, disparate treatment/discrimination, and retaliation. Appellee’s alleged disability was PTSD. After a three-week jury trial in the Spring of 2022, the jury rendered a verdict in Plaintiff’s favor.

Following the exhaustion of all appeals we reached a settlement as to the jury award and all attorney fees and costs, which was entered by the court on January 16, 2025, effectively closing this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Steffen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Steffen  
Director, Office of Legislative Affairs  
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