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This Letter Sent VIA Email Only

Re: *McMullin v. Wayne County, et al.*, No. 2:24-cv-11801 (E.D. Mich.)

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 the above case settled for \$2,000,000, with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services contributing \$650,000.00 to the total settlement and Wayne County contributing the remaining \$1,350,000.00.”

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Directors:

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This lawsuit was brought by Tocarra McMullin, on behalf of her son, T.M., against Wayne County and numerous Wayne County employees, and various MDHHS employees. The complaint alleged violations of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, and the Child Protection Law. The claims stemmed from allegations that T.M., then twelve years old, was sexually and physically assaulted while detained at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center in March 2023.

Extensive negotiations resulted in the settlement. Had this matter proceeded to trial, damages and attorney fees considerably in excess of the settlement amount were possible. 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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