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Mr. Nicholas J. Pirro  
Onondaga County Executive  
421 Montgomery Street  
Syracuse, New York 13202

Dear Mr. Pirro:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Onondaga County Public Safety Building (PSB) in Syracuse, New York. This investigation is authorized and will be conducted pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 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 PSB are being subjected to unsafe and life-threatening living conditions as a result of inadequate medical care and lack of protection from harm.

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

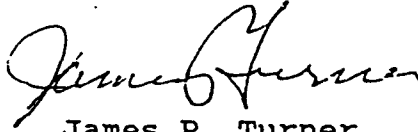
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a tour of the Public Safety Building by our consultants and personnel from the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



James P. Turner  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

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