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**SENT VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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Re: Resolution of ADA Investigation of Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility,  
Michigan Department of Corrections  
DJ 204-37-333; 204-37-334; 204-37-335; 204-37-336  
AG No. 2010-0034076-A

Dear Mr. Govorchin:

As you know, the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice (Department), along with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, has been investigating complaints of alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act occurring at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility since 2010. On June 16, 2014, we sent you correspondence detailing specific parameters necessary to resolve this investigation. According to this resolution letter, Huron Valley was to have completed all the required items by December 31, 2014. However, as you previously informed us, Huron Valley will not be able to meet this deadline, due in large part to the fact that the pathways construction project remains incomplete and is not scheduled for completion until late 2015. Accordingly, we are extending the resolution letter to **December 31, 2015**.

In addition, enclosed is a copy of Dr. Greifinger's report of his findings and recommendations based on the on-site review of WHV on August 27-28, 2014. As you will see, Dr. Greifinger has significant concerns regarding Huron Valley's care of inmates with mental illness, its performance measurement and quality management, and its medication administration. We strongly urge Huron Valley to consider and implement his recommendations, especially in light of recent events documented by the ACLU of Michigan.


Dr. Dvoskin's report based on the same on-site review, as well as a separate visit on September 17, 2014, was delayed awaiting Huron Valley's Tri-annual Status Report. Now that he

has received the Tri-annual report, dated December 5, 2014, Dr. Dvoskin can complete his findings from his August and September site visits. We will forward Dr. Dvoskin's report to you as soon as it is finalized.

Finally, thank you for accommodating our request to conduct another on-site review of Huron Valley, this time with a nurse consultant, on January 12 and 13, 2015. We will advise you shortly about our plans for that visit.

Sincerely,

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