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Subject: Urgent Call for State-Level Action to Address Systemic Rights Violations in Connecticut's Disability Support System

Dear Governor Ned Lamont,

I am reaching out to you in my role as the CEO and Director of ABI Resources, an organization committed to the well-being of individuals with disabilities under the Federally Funded Medicaid ABI Waiver Program in Connecticut. This letter serves as both a statement of grave concern and a pressing appeal for your immediate action regarding systemic rights violations occurring within our state.

As a key figure in Connecticut's government, it is crucial to bring to your attention the serious issues that our organization, and more importantly, the community we serve, are facing. The heart of these concerns lies in the rights infringements occurring at the state level, which are adversely impacting not only my rights as a disabled business owner but also those of the vulnerable individuals we support. We have encountered significant barriers due to the complexities, costs, and procedural delays inherent in the state systems, which are supposed to aid but have instead hindered our efforts to seek justice.

Enclosed with this letter is a detailed report outlining the specific violations, our attempts to address them, and the insufficient responses we have encountered. This situation not only contradicts the principles of justice and equity but also directly violates laws designed to protect the rights of disabled individuals.



I urge you to review this report thoroughly and take prompt, decisive action. While these issues may initially appear to be administrative or bureaucratic in nature, they represent a deeper and more profound systemic failure to protect some of Connecticut's most vulnerable citizens.

The evidence compiled in the report indicates a persistent pattern of neglect, indicative of systemic issues that require direct and urgent intervention at the state level. The core values of our society, such as justice, equity, and equitable treatment under the law, are at stake. The future well-being of the individuals supported by ABI Resources, as well as the integrity of Connecticut's commitment to disabled citizens, rests in your hands.

The challenges we face stem from actions taken by the Connecticut government, highlighting a significant oversight gap. This situation necessitates a reevaluation and strengthening of state-level mechanisms to ensure effective regulation and intervention when necessary.

This situation calls for more than just acknowledgment; it requires immediate and decisive action at the state level. The welfare of numerous individuals with disabilities, who depend on services like those provided by ABI Resources, is currently at risk.

In this urgent appeal, I am highlighting the lack of transparency and accountability in the state's administration of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Our report sheds light on potential civil rights violations, government overreach, and their profound impact on the disabled community we are committed to serving. We have documented concerns regarding potential corruption, ethical violations, and financial mismanagement within state-run programs.

The absence of decisive action against these allegations risks setting a concerning precedent, undermining the principles of governance and oversight at the state

level. The issues raised involve potential discrimination and inequality against individuals with disabilities and also raise significant public safety concerns.

As a leader deeply involved in these matters, I have seen firsthand the detrimental effects these systemic issues have on our clients and their families. It is not just a policy failure; it is a failure to protect and support those who rely on us. The responsibility to address these issues lies with the state of Connecticut, where robust oversight and effective solutions are critically needed.

In conclusion, the situation we are facing is a matter of national concern, warranting proactive and decisive intervention at the state level. The well-being of countless individuals reliant on the integrity of our state systems is in jeopardy.

I implore you to recognize the seriousness of this situation and take appropriate action. It is vital that the state of Connecticut takes responsibility for these systemic failures and implements effective solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of this pressing issue. I am ready to provide any further information or assistance required and look forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,
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