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Submitted via E-mail

Dear Mr. DeMatteo:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, G.C.S. §1-200 et seq., I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me:

- Any and all documents describing processes, eligibility criteria, or other methods of determining circumstances permitting or requiring the institutionalization, civil commitment, or other housing of children within the care of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families in a sex-inappropriate facility (i.e., the child at issue is female and is to be housed in a facility designated for males only).
- Any and all documents describing processes for ensuring the safety of children institutionalized, committed, or otherwise housed within the care of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families in a sex-inappropriate facility (i.e., the child at issue is female and is housed in a facility designated for males only).
- Any and all documents describing processes for deciding to place children in solitary confinement where those children are institutionalized, committed, or otherwise housed within the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

I request that the documents be produced in electronic format. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all severable portions of otherwise-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am an individual seeking this information for dissemination to the public at large.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the

operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest, as I have no commercial interest in the documents requested.

Specific explanation for waiver of fees:

CTDCF is currently holding a female individual, Jane Doe, represented by Aaron Romano, Esq., in the Juvenile Training School, a facility designated exclusively for boys and described by CTDCF as "a secure facility for boys committed as juvenile delinquents to DCF and placed on parole status." As this is a matter of public concern and possibly a violation of Jane Doe's Federal and State rights against discrimination on the basis of sex and gender identity, the public has a right to know what procedures were in place to determine this as an appropriate outcome.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me as soon as possible should you have any questions. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Emily T. Prince, Esq.

