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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 pertaining to the institutionalization, civil commitment, or other housing of children within the care of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families where the individual being housed is a cisgender female (i.e., assigned female at birth and continuing to identify as female) and the individual is housed in a facility designated for males only. Documents establishing the number of such instances will satisfy this request.
- Any and all documents pertaining to the institutionalization, civil commitment, or other housing of children within the care of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families where the individual being housed is a transgender female (i.e., assigned male at birth and identifying as female) and the individual is housed in a facility designated for males only. Documents establishing the number of such instances will satisfy this request.

See C.G.S. § 46(a)-51(21) ("Gender identity or expression"). 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 whether Jane Doe is the only female individual to be treated in this manner. Further, DCF has publicly spoken about this matter; as such, the public has an interest in the context of DCF's statements and actions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Prince', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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