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Clyde Saiki
Deputy Director of Operations
Oregon Department of Human Services
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Re: Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding for Lane Pregnancy Support Center

Dear Mr. Saiki:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 2007, in response to our complaint, reporting on the investigation into the Department's contract with Lane Pregnancy Support Center (LPSC) and decision to terminate that contract. The ACLU appreciates your shared concern in monitoring and correcting any constitutional, or other, misuse of public funds.

In your letter, you indicate that, as part of its investigation, the Department reviewed a contract between the Department and LPSC, records of payments, through 2005, to LPSC, and training materials created and/or used by LPSC. We would like to review copies of those documents, as well as any other materials or documents that were reviewed as part of the investigation or that relate to LPSC. In addition, please provide a copy of any documents or records that relate to the investigation itself.

While we are heartened that the Department found no violation of its own contract terms prohibiting the teaching or promotion of specific religious beliefs, we remain puzzled as to why the Department did terminate its contract with LPSC. We ask that, along with the above requested materials, you provide a fuller explanation of the nature of the contract with LPSC, the particular services that LPSC was contracted to provide, what services LPSC did provide, the payments the Department made to LPSC over the course of the contract, and the reasons for termination of the contract.

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We look forward to your continued cooperation in this matter. In addition to sending the above requested information to my attention, please feel free to contact me by phone to discuss, or with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jann Carson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jann" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Carson".

Jann Carson
Associate Director
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