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Re: Proposed Resolution of Issues Involved in Random Drug Dog Searches

Dear John:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of Friday, March 17, 2006 regarding the concerns which have been raised by your clients regarding the random drug dog visits to schools in the Nine Mile Falls School District (the "District"). This letter is an offer to resolve this matter and shall not be used for any other purpose. The District will agree to suspend such future searches unless and until one of the following events occurs:

- 1) A state or federal court renders a decision on the issues involved in random drug dog visits, searches or similar issues and in an opinion sets forth guidelines that the District may follow; or
- 2) The District provides notice to the Center for Justice ("Center"), on behalf of your clients, that such searches will be instituted. Such notice will be given at least sixty (60) days in advance of any search to allow the Center the opportunity to commence litigation.

As we also discussed, there are two clarifications we would like to make relative to this agreement. The first is that this agreement would not prohibit the use of "bomb sniffing dogs" which the District may need to bring in to deal with bomb threats or related public safety issues. The second clarification is that law enforcement, acting upon a search warrant to use whatever means deemed appropriate, may bring in drug dogs. The District would have no control over that and does not want to be in a position of telling law enforcement it cannot enter a District facility if they have the appropriate warrant or probable cause.

I am hopeful that this provides a basis for resolution of this matter. If you or your clients have any thoughts or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you wish to memorialize

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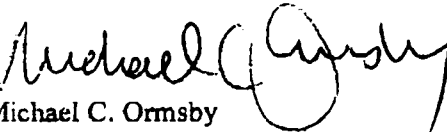
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these points further in an actual settlement agreement, please let me know and we can certainly work through that.

We certainly want to thank you and your clients for the courtesies that have been shown to me, Mr. Green and the District throughout this process. Best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

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