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Columbia Legal Services  
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Olympia, WA 98501

**SUBJECT: Response to September 10, 2020 Correspondence**

Dear Ms. Nagy,

We received your September 10, 2020 letter and accompanying tort claim of Michael Rogers. The Attorney General's Office is investigating Mr. Rogers' claim according to standard practice. Although we appreciate your inquiry and invitation to discuss Mr. Rogers' claim, we cannot comment on the investigation while this litigation is pending.

We would be happy to review any proposals you may have regarding the use of restraints if you have specific policy suggestions that you can supply, as process improvement for youth in care of DCYF is an important goal for us. Please provide your proposals to:

Andrea Ruiz, Juvenile Rehabilitation Policy, Program, and Lean Administrator  
Department of Children, Youth, and Families  
P.O. Box 45720  
Olympia, WA 98504

Please direct all communication regarding Mr. Rogers' tort claim to Gregory Silvey, the Tort Claims Administrator. Mr. Silvey can be reached at:  
7141 Cleanwater Drive, SW  
PO Box 40126  
Olympia, WA 98504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ross Hunter".

Ross Hunter  
Secretary

cc: Jody Becker, Deputy Secretary, DCYF  
Rebecca Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary, JR, DCYF  
Jennifer Redman, Superintendent, Green Hill School, DCYF