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**Civil Rights Division**

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**VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Mr. Hansen and Ms. Jaehning:

Thank you for submitting a complaint, dated May 4, 2020, to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) on behalf of the Disability Law Center of Alaska and the individuals with disabilities who you represent. We have received, reviewed, and accepted this complaint. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 35.171. In response, DOJ is opening an investigation to determine whether the State of Alaska unnecessarily institutionalizes children with behavioral health conditions, in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999).

Thank you very much for your cooperation and for bringing important issues to our attention. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to reach out to me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

*Patrick Holkins*

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Cc: Mark Regan, Legal Director, Disability Law Center of Alaska