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Christopher R. Adams, Chairman
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Re: Notice of Federal Civil Rights Lawsuit

Dear Chairman Adams:

I represent M. Peter Kuck ("Mr. Kuck"). This letter provides notice that a federal lawsuit was filed in the District of Connecticut by Mr. Kuck, individually, and on behalf of others similarly situated. A copy of the lawsuit is provided for your reference. It is expected that the Summons and Complaint will be served against the two Defendants, John A. Danaher, III, Commissioner, and Albert J. Masek, Jr., Commanding Officer, in their individual and official capacities within the next week.

My understanding is that there was discussion at the September 13, 2007, Board meeting regarding the above-referenced lawsuit and a citizen's complaint filed by Mr. Kuck with the Professional Standards Section of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). I received notice on September 17, 2007, by correspondence from Lt. Col. Duffy that Mr. Kuck's citizen's complaint had been received.

Mr. Kuck intends to continue serving on the Board and rejects certain statements by individual members of the Board that a citizen's complaint and a federal civil rights lawsuit create, either individually or jointly, for Mr. Kuck any conflict of interest. First, Mr. Kuck has filed a citizen's complaint indicating that he was threatened and harassed by Detective Thomas Karanda ("Det. Karanda"). If Mr. Kuck must then recuse himself because of his citizen's complaint then the DPS and Det. Karanda will have identified a method of forcing Board members with whom they have disagreements from hearing cases. Board members such as Mr. Kuck who are threatened and harassed by DPS personnel will be forced to choose between accepting the harassment and continuing on the Board or filing citizen complaints and having to recuse themselves. If recusal is necessary, then Det. Karanda is the proper party. Second, the federal lawsuit does not require or even merit recusal and to require recusal would penalize Mr. Kuck for asserting his due process and first amendment rights.

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I will assume that, unless I am notified, the Board will not provide any further consideration to the statements by individual Board members at the September 13, 2007, Board meeting that Mr. Kuck has any cause to recuse himself or resign from the Board. If either of these actions is further considered, or any other change in the terms and conditions of Mr. Kuck's service is considered, then I will assume that Mr. Kuck and his undersigned attorney will receive proper notice and a full opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

Rachel M. Baird, Attorney

Encl: Complaint (by certified, first-class mail only)