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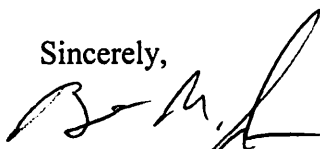
Thomas Coleman
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Re: Letter dated April 7, 2016

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am the General Counsel for the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts and the Utah Judicial Council. The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 7, 2016. We have formed a small group to review the concerns raised by your letter. The Judiciary was not involved with the creation of HB 101 but we will be dealing with its implementation. We are very concerned about guardianship and conservatorship issues and we believe that we have established some progressive programs. We will continue to look at improving those programs. Although I disagree with your assessment as to some of these being ADA issues as opposed to being constitutional due process issues, they ultimately lead to the same place, and that is ensuring the rights of all individuals are protected. We appreciate you taking the time to put your concerns in writing and our working group will move forward with reviewing ways in which individuals receive the access and protections they deserve and are guaranteed.

Sincerely,



Brent M. Johnson
General Counsel

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efficient, and independent system for the advancement of justice under the law.