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The Honorable Timm Ormsby
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The Honorable Travis Couture
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Re: *Malone, et al. v. Strong, et al.*
United States District Court, Washington Western District Cause No. 3:16-cv-05284-RJB

Dear Senators Robinson, Gildon, and Schoesler; Representatives Ormsby and Couture; and Directors Smith and Sullivan:

This letter is being provided pursuant to Laws of 2023, ch. 475, § 126 (2) to report settlement in the matter of *Malone, et al. v. Strong, et al.* This was a class action lawsuit involving the Department of Social & Health Services and the Department of Corrections. Specifically, the plaintiffs alleged violations of their civil rights, unsafe drinking water, and inadequate conditions of confinement at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island. This matter has been resolved for \$7,325,050.40.

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Please contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

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