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James Nichols  
Union County DSS Director  
200 S. Mountain Street  
Union, South Carolina 29379

Re: Harmony Stafford (3-year old minor child)

Dear Mr. Nichols:

We (myself and Darryl & Ruth Armstrong) have just been informed that Harmony would not come for her regularly scheduled weekend visitation beginning today.

There is no way it is in Harmony's best interests to not allow her to have her weekly visitation with her relatives. Please advise as to your justification for making this decision and specifically state how this decision is in Harmony's best interests. This instability for Harmony, caused by the foster parents appeal in this action, is completely inappropriate and disgustingly unfair to this child.

Furthermore, since your Agency claims that the visits with Harmony are discretionary, which we absolutely disagree for many reasons, but especially since Harmony's best interests are paramount to any discretion your Agency *may* have, please state the specific factors you use to determine when visits take place and when they do not. Harmony's visits with her relatives, the Armstrong's, currently take place every weekend from Friday at 1:00 through Monday at 10:00.

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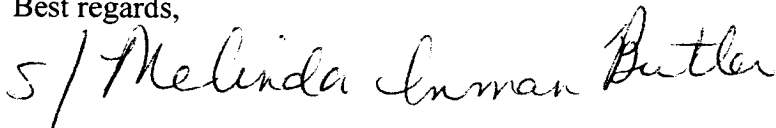
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In your response to this letter, please state any changes to this schedule for the next six (6) months period.

We will continue to fight for Harmony to be freed for adoption from your Agency since the family court has terminated her parental rights and since Harmony has biological family, i.e., the Armstrongs, with whom she has been spending 3 days per week for almost two years now and whom have a positive home study and been approved for adoption. Harmony looks forward to these visits. The Armstrong's can do anything for Harmony that the foster parents may do for her. In fact, Harmony has her extended biological family when she is with the Armstrong's.

I look forward to receiving your response as outlined in this letter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S / Melinda Inman Butler". The "S" is written at the beginning of the line, followed by a slash and the full name.

Melinda Inman Butler

cc: Darryl and Ruth Armstrong  
Mike Anthony  
Lindsay Graham  
Mick Mulvaney  
Harvey Peeler  
Susan Alford  
Nikki Haley  
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