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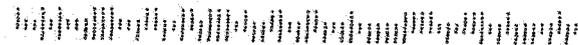
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Dear Mr. Suggs,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Connie Maxwell Children's Home to offer comments regarding the class-action lawsuit settlement 2:15-CV-00134-RMG.

Our agency has offered the State of South Carolina quality residential care for children ages 0-21 for 124 years. We strive to provide "family-life" homes for every child that comes into our care, and we remain committed to this mission as a childcare agency. I submit to you the reasons why we firmly believe that Connie Maxwell Children's Home should be considered as an "exception" for childcare:

- Ability to effectively manage sibling groups, keeping them together.
- Fewer interruptions and moves during placement.
- Superior high school graduation rates.
- Higher percentage of students who qualify for and enroll in college.
- The longer the duration of a child's stay here, the higher the academic progress, which is not the norm in childcare.
- We continue to bridge the gap in Foster Care. Therapeutic homes are being used for non-therapeutic needs out of necessity. Therefore, children with greater needs are not able to be placed in these homes.
- Reunification outcomes are enhanced greatly through a Family Care Ministry.

Our ministry will continue to redeem the future of both children and families across the State of South Carolina, with campuses in 5 different cities across the state. We remain fully accredited, and strive to exceed the standards of accreditation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Randy Harling
President/CEO
Connie Maxwell Children's Home