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Ms. Dorthey Hurst  
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.  
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ms. Hurst:

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) remains committed to transparency and can assure the Atlanta Citizen's Review Board (ACRB) that FCSO has not interfered with its ability to interview Fulton County inmates.

The facts regarding this inquiry involve an ACRB investigator making one unannounced visit. Because jail staff was not familiar with the individual, jail staff informed the investigator that access would be granted once the ACRB coordinated its interviews with the subject inmate's criminal defense attorney. Like everyone, Fulton County inmates have constitutional rights against self-incrimination, which Sheriff Labat seeks to uphold. To remove any possible violation of these fundamental rights, Sheriff Labat's staff requested that investigators facilitate interviews in a manner that guarantees the preservation of those rights.

Thereafter, ACRB made no attempt to contact the Sheriff's Office. At no time was the ACRB denied access to Fulton County inmates. Any and all representations to the contrary are disingenuous at best.

Yours in service,

Patrick Labat  
Fulton County Sheriff's Office

cc: Mayor Andre Dickens  
Atlanta City Council  
Fulton County Commissioners  
Atlanta Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee  
Amelia Joiner, Chief Counsel to Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat  
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