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Salya Mohamedy, Deputy for Healthcare Services  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas' Office  
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Dear Ms. Mohamedy:

Pride Health Services has come through a very trying period. We have suffered greatly. We have loss staff; we have experienced a blemish in our reputation. Our staff, their families, our participants, and the various government entities that we provide supportive services to, have all been seriously affected by the events that have occurred over the past months.

Our staff resigned or quit, because they were no longer being paid. As a result the participants were deprived of much needed services. We were unable to provide the Probation Department and the Department of Family and Children Services with the vital information that they relied on our agency to provide.

The governing body of the Los Angeles County Department of Drug and Alcohol recklessly judged our agency, stopped our allocated funding for an unreasonable period of time. There was no prior notice of an impending action to stop or withhold our funding. We could not get proper dialogue. No one would give information as to how long our funding would be withheld. We could not get emergency funds. There was no information provided as to how we could resolve our issues, or if our agency was going to be with or without a contract. We were treated very disrespectfully and without regard for our participants, our employees, their families and the agencies that we partner with.

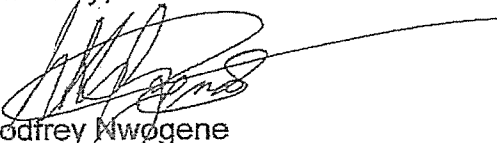
Pride Health Services fully accept responsibility for deficiencies that may have been cited. It is our goal to be in compliance according to our contract. We may have fallen short and deserved some penalty; however, there is nothing that can justify how our agency was treated and left literally to be involuntarily dismantled.

Our meeting with Mr. Vienes, and his staff, on August 10, 2011 was successful. Although, I strongly feel that certain staff at the County Department of Drug and Alcohol were reckless and mean spirited, I commend Mr. Vienes for strategically involving himself in a most positive and constructive manner. He influenced a successful resolution to end this atrocious error in ethical protocol.

Hence, I write to you today, thanking you for intervening on our behalf. Your intervention opened the door to dialogue. That dialogue led to a resolution. We will have to work hard to rebuild our reputation in the community and ensure that our agency is operating at an optimum. We are in business to reduce community and individual problems related to alcohol and drug abuse. I implore, that steps be taken to ensure that our agency and other agencies will not experience this type of flagrant mistreatment.

Should there be anything that you need, we are in the service of the community, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,



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