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Alabama State House
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Chairman Roberts and Members,

At your committee meeting on July 6th, a representative of the Department of Corrections asserted that “the Attorney General has prohibited [the Department of Corrections] from settling [the Department of Justice case] multiple times.” This statement was false yet appears to have not yet been corrected by the agency.

The individual who made this statement has had no discussions with this Office about this case and inexplicably misrepresented the State’s current and historical position. As our attorney of record informed the Court months ago, the State is willing to return to settlement negotiations with DOJ as soon as DOJ accepts our invitation.

Though the Rules of Professional Conduct restrict us from saying much more on this topic, we felt that it was imperative to correct this error, which serves only to complicate and undermine our efforts to resolve this matter. Rest assured, we look very forward to the concluding this case in a manner that best serves the people of Alabama.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KR", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Katherine Robertson
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