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Governor Milton Shapp  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Governor Shapp:

The Board of Directors of Family Service & Children's Aid Society of Venango County passed a resolution at their monthly board meeting that a letter of protest be sent to your office regarding the firing of Dr. McClelland, Director of Polk State School. Enclosed also find a list of our Board members.

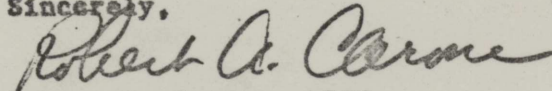
It was felt that our agency in its concern for the emotional health of family life must protest the manner in which this entire incident has been handled. We appreciate the need to provide adequate care and supervision for the retarded to protect their rights. The issue here though is the rash, unprofessional and unethical manner in which Dr. McClelland was deprived of his rights.

We are requesting that your office call for an immediate investigation of all the facts and that this be carried out by professionals in the field of mental retardation. This should not be done by emotional individuals with vested interests and/or biased attitudes about mental retardation.

We are assuming your office will take a definite stand to protect the rights of everyone involved in this most unfortunate and unnecessary incident.

We will expect a response to our letter at your earliest convenience as an indication of our mutual concern.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Carone, ACSW  
Executive Director

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Enclosures (1)

CC: Dr. James McClelland  
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