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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
FRANCIS J. ROGAN

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Ref. to _____

The Honorable Helene Wohlgemuth
Secretary of Public Welfare
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Wohlgemuth:

I am writing you to protest the dismissal of Dr. James McClelland, Superintendent of Polk State School and Hospital

I protest the firing of Dr. McClelland, both in my official capacity as a public official and as a parent. My daughter Jeanne has been a patient for the past nine years at Polk State School and Hospital.

My wife and I have been more than satisfied with the excellent care our daughter has received. We have found the members of the staff to be compassionate and dedicated, so we are appalled at the picture that has been painted of Polk. I feel we have been attacked as parents for permitting our child to be a patient at Polk.

Why was Polk State School and Hospital receiving so much praise, a year ago from the very same people who are now condemning Polk?

I feel there is no justification for firing Dr. McClelland and urge you to reinstate him immediately.

Sincerely

Francis J. Rogan

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CC: Governor Shapp,
State Representative Thomas J. Fee
State Representative Donald Fox
State Senator W. Thomas Andrews