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Dear Ms. Coffey,

Just some thoughts about Tina Hayden's past few months...

Tina has learned a lot this year. Shirley Ulberg and I had somewhat "adopted" Tina earlier this year for social events. We have also been teaching Tina about life, and how to think for herself. Tina has been very eager to learn, and has been an outstanding pupil. Whatever her real intelligence is, it seems to be higher than normal. Whoever has said that her intelligence is less than 70 IQ, was doing her wrong.

I, myself, have been teaching Tina critical thinking skills. I have been a tutor for students from high school up through college and adult levels. I have also been a Special Olympics coach.

Tina loves to learn.

But if Tina is stuck with ARC, Tina's opportunities to learn will be stopped: ARC wants to keep Tina "dumb" in order to control her easier.

Tina has tasted what her life could be like from Shirley Ulberg and myself: satisfying and interesting. ARC and the UCP are both "belittling" Tina's ability to improve herself. This would be an assault of mental, verbal, and psychological abuse. Tina's life would be very miserable. For about three months, Tina has had some of the most happy days of her life.

Tina Hayden has said that she wants Shirley Ulberg and Don Newell to live together, so Tina could live with them. That is because Shirley and Don have treated Tina as an equally valuable human being. ARC will treat Tina as a "lesser" human being. Tina is fighting that "belittling" right now at Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation, especially from that Cindy Puetz.

Just look at who Tina wants to live with (Shirley Ulberg & Don Newell), rather than a new place. Just look who Tina is already afraid of: ARC.

ARC has already shown how little they respect Tina. By already lying to Tina about going Bowling: They say they are making plans for her to go bowling, but in reality, had no intention of letting her go bowling. IF they are lying now, about bowling, what about later, with other things?

ARC has already belittled Tina from their behavior on the 30th of October, in the Eau Claire County Board room by laughing at her misery: When Mari and Barbra Shafer were laughing (with about a dozen others)

while Tina was crying and kicking in her wheelchair, realising that she had been betrayed by UCP and the courts.

ARC and UCP have enjoyed denying Tina Hayden her inalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Physical "happiness" is hollow if there isn't some mental happiness to support it. Tina will never get an opportunity to improve her mind under ARC's control. That would be a very miserable life for Tina Lynn Hayden.

Too many people just look at the material things: money, power, and control, rather than the ability to use opportunities. Shirley Ulberg and Don Newell have been teaching Tina how to use her mind. ARC only will treat Tina as a "piece of meat" to collect her benefits which would mostly go to ARC (instead of helping benefit Tina).

Taking away Tina Lynn Hayden's self-guardianship is a form of mental, emotional, and psychological abuse and assault. Tina is able to learn how to take care of herself. But nobody wants to teach her that skill, except Shirley Ulberg and Don Newell. Tina is ignorant and suffers from low self-esteem. Tina has been belittled all of her life, until Shirley Ulberg and Don Newell came into her life.

Letting ARC control Tina Hayden would be a form of abuse.

Tina's life would be miserable, and she would probably try to commit suicide. That would be a real crime: letting ARC belittle Tina.

Shirley Ulberg and Don Newell are two people who really love Tina. And denying them visiting rights to Tina Hayden at Lakeside (and probably later) is a form of abuse.

Respectfully,

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