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Via Facsimile to (479) 444-5751

September 1, 2021

Sheriff Tim Helder
Washington County Sheriff's Office
1155 W. Clydesdale Drive
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Dear Sheriff Helder:

It has been one week since we contacted you requesting a response to our request that you heed the advice of the Federal Food and Drug Administration and stop Dr. Karas' practice of prescribing and administering ivermectin for COVID-19 to the people housed at the Washington County Detention Center. Your lack of any response is alarming.

In the last week, it has come to light that many of the detainees and inmates in the jail were not informed that they were being administered ivermectin. That is unconscionable. Detainees are guaranteed the right to *appropriate* medical care by the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. It should come as no surprise that some of the WCDC detainees and inmates are poised to file suit over this reprehensible disregard for their health and safety if necessary to stop this practice. Deliberate indifference to protect those in your charge has consequences, namely monetary.

In this unprecedented pandemic in which our state posts some of the highest numbers of positive tests for COVID-19 and per capita deaths in the nation –it is time again to release all detainees who can safely be released in order to protect the jail and general populations from further illness and potential death from the uncontrolled spread of this virus.

Again, we ask for your response to this serious inquiry. Have you instructed or will you instruct Dr. Karas and his staff to cease administering ivermectin for COVID-19? Please respond by September 2, 2021.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Sullivan".

Gary Sullivan