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FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY

DAVE ARONBERG
STATE ATTORNEY

June 8, 2018

Dr. Robert Moran
Family Center For Recovery
7051 Seacrest Blvd.
Lantana, FL 33462

Re: State Attorney's Sober Homes Task Force

Dear Dr. Moran:

Two years ago, in response to the fraud and abuse in the drug treatment and sober homes industries, the Palm Beach County Sober Homes Task Force was created by the Florida Legislature. The legislative Proviso sunsets on June 30, 2018. We want to personally thank you for your service on the Task Force.

Faced with an epidemic of spiraling drug overdoses, coupled with widespread predatory practices and criminality related to the proliferation of rogue treatment centers and unregulated sober homes, you and your fellow Task Force members dedicated your time and expertise to end the cycle of relapse that has plagued so many Florida communities. The countless hours you devoted to crafting legislative and administrative recommendations had a significant impact in cleaning up rampant fraud and abuse in the recovery industry and have made Florida a national model for battling the Opioid epidemic.

Thanks to the legislative recommendations formulated by the Sober Homes Task Force, a number of significant reforms have been enacted into law. In 2017, HB 807 created a truth-in-advertising statute with criminal penalties for unscrupulous marketers, required FARR certification for sober home referrals to treatment providers and expanded the referral prohibition to all uncertified sober homes, enhanced the penalties for patient brokering, and gave DCF the tools to more effectively oversee the treatment industry.

Due in part to your efforts, the rate of overdose deaths in Palm Beach County has decreased by over 60% in the first four months of this year, as compared with 2017. You can be extremely proud of all of the many accomplishments you helped facilitate as a member of the Sober Homes Task Force. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your dedicated and distinguished service, and for all you have done and continue to do to ensure that individuals with substance use disorder not only receive appropriate care, but are protected from predators within the industry.

Although the legislative Proviso sunsets as of July 2018, we have decided to reconstitute a single Task Force, which will meet once a month. A meeting schedule for 2018-2019 will be forthcoming. My hope is that you will agree to serve on the Task Force, as your experience and expertise are essential to the continued success of our vital mission. Please contact Mary Ann Senatore and let her know if you would like to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Aronberg".

Dave Aronberg
State Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Johnson".

Alan Johnson
Chief Assistant State Attorney