

Subject: RE: Im very concerned

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 9:53:04 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Tina DeSouza

To: BAKER BRUCE M, Sen Gelser, KRAUS-DORN Debbi

Hello,

In the spirit of bringing awareness of our systems and how children with IDD are handled within these cross over systems I wanted to update you on how the transfer day went for VR- the individual I previously spoke of who was being sent to children farm home from her foster home.

The case manager with DD asked a child welfare worker the late in the afternoon on Tuesday to be at VR's home the next morning at 7am wed. This child welfare worker had no prior understanding or knowledge of this situation when she showed up to "assist" and explain what was happening. She also did not know the child's name. The foster provider had no prior knowledge of the child welfare worker showing up that morning and had to take time to explain the situation to her before she could help to explain what was happening to the child.

VR was getting ready for school and school pictures and looking forward to visiting her mom on this day. The transport people showed up and placed VR in hand cuffs, feet cuffs and a belly belt. They then escorted her to the transport vehicle and left for Corvallis, approximately a 3 hour drive away. VR went on her own with strangers and without breakfast.

While I understand that we cannot change court orders for this individual, I wanted you all to be aware of how this was handled. I am very concerned how this child was treated considering her disability and past history of abuse and neglect.

My heart for this email is to bring awareness of the processes and to protect vulnerable individuals from further trauma.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tina DeSouza,

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From: Tina DeSouza

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:41 PM

To: 'bruce.m.baker@state.or.us'; 'Sen.SaraGelser@state.or.us'

Cc: Seth Johnson; 'Mindy Christiansen'

Subject: Im very concerned

Hello,

It has come to my attention that a child that I support with behavioral services in her foster placement is being transported to Children's Farm Home on Wednesday September 21st. I am very concerned that she has no prior knowledge of this transition and will be picked up by strangers who will not be able to provide her with any information on a 3+ hour drive.

Attached is a redacted letter with background information provided to DHS workers and her attorney.