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Mr. Charles Lynch

Dear Mr. Lynch:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to Senator Boxer regarding your disappointment with the judicial system.

The issues and concerns you were kind enough to have shared with the Senator are greatly appreciated; however, it is not permissible for her office to intervene with legal matters. Decisions of the courts can only be reviewed by means provided in the judicial process. Only an appellate court has the authority to overturn a final trial court decision.

If you require an attorney to assist you with the appeals process, you may wish to contact the California State Bar Lawyer Referral Service, or your local Legal Aide Society for assistance.

In addition to seeking the advice of a competent attorney, you may wish to pursue any claim of impropriety regarding your case, first with the presiding trial judge, or if this is not appropriate, within one of the review bodies designed to monitor the activities of the courts and the attorneys who practice in them. I have enclosed a referral list to assist you with this process, if so warranted.

Thank you for writing to Senator Boxer. I regret we cannot be of assistance in this matter; however, I hope that the information I have provided clarifies the limitations of the Senator's office.

Sincerely,


Eric José Vizcaino
Director of Constituent Services

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