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LAWYERS

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**To: Class Members**

**Re: Update on Class Action Proceedings**

Dear Class Member:

We are writing to provide you with an update on the class action lawsuit concerning the use of solitary confinement in correctional facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **Settlement Discussions**

Over the past nine months, our legal team has been engaged in settlement discussions with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. This is a positive development and reflects a willingness to explore resolution. However, we want to be clear that we are still in the early stages of this process. There is no guarantee that the matter will be resolved through settlement, and we are continuing to prepare the case for trial if necessary.

It is not unusual for class actions of this nature to take ten years or more to fully resolve. These cases are complex and involve many steps to ensure fairness and transparency for all class members.

## **What Happens Next**

If we are able to arrive at a dollar figure that is acceptable to the Representative Plaintiffs, we must then negotiate the **terms of settlement**. These terms will include:

- How class members will be notified of the settlement;
- How individuals can make claims for compensation;
- The timeline for submitting claims;
- Who will assess those claims; and
- What options are available if someone disagrees with their assessment.

Once the parties agree on these terms, the proposed settlement must be approved by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. This is to ensure that the settlement is fair and reasonable for all class members. The court approval process can take time—we may wait a year or more for a court date, followed by an extended period for the court to issue its decision.

If the settlement is approved, there will be a notice period during which class members are informed of the settlement, followed by a claims application period. At the conclusion of this process, there will be an accounting and distribution of funds.

From the time we reach a settlement number, it will likely be two to three years before compensation is available. As we have not yet reached agreement on a settlement amount, we cannot estimate when that timeline will begin.

### **Requests for Loans and Letters**

We have received many calls from individuals seeking loans. Please note that lawyers are not permitted to lend money to their clients. While it is true that in some cases we can connect clients with private lenders, we do so reluctantly. These lenders often charge extremely high interest rates, and it is our understanding that private lenders do not lend money for class actions.

Some individuals have asked us to provide letters stating that they will be receiving money. Unfortunately, we cannot provide such letters. While we are hopeful for a successful outcome, we cannot guarantee it. Until a settlement is reached and approved by the court, no compensation is assured.

### **Our Commitment**

We understand that many class members are anxious for resolution. Please know that we are actively working on this case and remain fully committed to seeing it through to a successful conclusion. Your patience and trust are deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions or need to update your contact information, please contact our office.

Yours truly,  
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