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Mr. Al Barton
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1060 Webber Street
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Mr. Tyler Stone
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Wasco County
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Re: Joint Representation Conflict Waiver Letter

Dear Al and Tyler,

You have asked us to represent Mid-Columbia Center for Living and Wasco County in a matter involving certain Medicaid issues related to the planned Resolution Center. Under the legal ethics rules, a law firm may not represent clients jointly if their interests conflict. Based on our discussions, it does not appear that your interests currently conflict. With any joint representation, however, it is possible that your interests may come into conflict later in ways that we cannot predict now. If they do, it may prevent us from continuing to represent either of you in this matter without the other party's consent. In that situation, you would each then need to incur the expense of retaining separate lawyers to represent you.

You should also consider the potential impact of joint representation on the attorney-client privilege. In a joint representation, anything you tell us in confidence is subject to the attorney-client privilege as it relates to others. But, if litigation arises later between you, there would be no attorney-client privilege in that litigation concerning anything that you shared with us. Further, by agreeing to this joint representation, you are authorizing us to share with each of you anything that you tell us separately relating to your joint representation.

Although we do not believe that these factors would affect your representation here, you should review this yourself.

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To emphasize that conflict waivers are important decisions, I recommend that you review the issue of consent with independent counsel. Whether you actually do, however, is up to you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

To confirm your consent, I would appreciate your signing the enclosed counterpart of this letter and returning it to me for our files.


Sincerely,



We consent to the representation outlined above.



Al Barton
Title: Executive Director, Mid-Columbia Center for Living
Date:



Tyler Stone
Title: Administrative Officer, Wasco County
Date: 8/30/2024