

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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## Dear Member Le Hyaric:

Thank you for your letter dated October 21, 2015 and addressed to Governor Tom Wolf. In that letter you indicate your concern regarding the medical care and treatment provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections ("Department") to Mr. Mumia Abu-Jamal and other inmates diagnosed with Hepatitis C.

Due to medical confidentiality and privacy concerns, the Department cannot disclose medical information pertaining to inmates committed to its care. Accordingly, the Governor must respectfully decline your invitation to meet to discuss this issue or disclose specific information regarding the care and treatment provided to Mr. Abu-Jamal or other inmates.

Please be assured that all of the inmates in the Department's custody have access to appropriate medical care as outlined in the Department's Access to Health Care Policy, No. 13.2.1. Moreover, inmates with complaints or concerns regarding any aspect of their confinement are encouraged to seek review and resolution of the issue through the Department's Inmate Grievance System policy, DC-ADM 804. Both policies are enclosed for your kind review and are also available on the Department's website at the following address: <a href="https://www.cor.pa.gov">www.cor.pa.gov</a>.

I hope that you will find the information outlined above helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any other questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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