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Re: Findings and Writings in Maryland

Dear Ms. Franczkowski:

I would like to thank you for your numerous letters in the past several years. These letters are helpful in identifying the violations of federal and state laws and their regulations by the public agencies in Maryland and the corrective actions required. Please note that as I explained to you several times, pursuant to 34 C.F.R. §300.33 and section 612(a)(11) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the term public agency includes the State Educational Agency (SEA). Also, the corrective actions herein are not limited to the ones you described in your letters.

In several parts of the letters, you wrote “Findings of Facts”. I understand that you were finding facts, but I notice that your letters don't state “Writings of Facts”. Sometimes public agencies' staff call your letters “Letter of Findings” or “LOF”. While your letters themselves are findings, it is misleading to call them “Letter of Findings”. I am not sure what is the best substitute. “Letter of Writings” or “LOW” may be an option.

This letter should not be used to interpret that all of your writings were facts or not facts. Thank you in advance for your full cooperation for the education of all children with disabilities in Maryland.

Sincerely,  
Hameed Jamarussadiq

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