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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your March 23, 2015, letter to Ms. Roseann Perry and Governor Tom Wolf regarding children housed at the Berks County Residential Center (BCRC). My office regulates child residential facilities, and Governor Wolf has asked me to respond.

On February 18, 2015, the Bureau of Human Services Licensing conducted a full licensing inspection of BCRC. At that time, the center was in substantial compliance with regulatory requirements and met all conditions for licensing under 55 Pa.Code Chapter 3800 (relating to child residential and day treatment facilities). Consequently, a license was issued effective February 21, 2015 to February 21, 2016.

During the renewal inspection, our regulators confirmed that BCRC is not operating as a secure care facility and has no locks preventing resident children or their families from gaining egress from the building. In addition, there were no children present at the facility who were not accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

I appreciate your concern for the health, safety and well-being of these children and families, and I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Matthew J. Jones, Director, Bureau of Human Services Licensing, at (717) 771-4982.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Bausch".

Jay Bausch  
Deputy Secretary for Administration

c: Ms. Roseann Perry, Director, Bureau of County Children & Youth Programs  
Mr. Matthew Jones, Director, Bureau of Human Services Licensing