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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT
REGULAR MAILING**

Via Email: cityatty@nngov.com

Collins L. Owens, Jr.

City Attorney

2400 Washington Avenue

9th Floor, City Hall

Newport News, VA 23607

Re: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 01/06/2023, Richneck School Shooting

Dear Mr. Owens:

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-209, this letter will serve to put the City of Newport News on notice that I have been retained to represent [REDACTED] for injuries sustained during a school shooting on January 6, 2023. This firm asserts a lien for attorney's fees in accordance with Virginia Code §54.1-3932. Any negotiations, settlements, or contact with my client must be handled exclusively through this office.

I hereby request that you instruct your employees to preserve all evidence relevant to this incident and that such evidence not be destroyed, modified, altered, repaired, or changed in any manner. If you fail to secure, retain, and preserve this evidence, then we will contend that your failure constitutes an improper effort to suppress, spoliage, or destroy relevant items which may be at issue in this case. In that event, we will seek all appropriate judicial sanctions and remedies in litigation arising from the incident. In order to ensure that evidence is properly preserved, please immediately forward a copy of this letter to all persons and entities with custodial responsibility for the items referred to in this letter.

If there is a contact handling these claims, please forward my letter promptly and provide my office with the respective contact information. Your written acknowledgment is appreciated within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

Emily Mapp Brannon

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