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The Honorable Brad Jones, Minority Leader
Massachusetts House of Representatives
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Mr. Leader,

To follow up on our previous correspondence, this letter describes the reunification plan we have shared today with Lou and Linda Pelletier.

This reunification plan has been in development for several weeks. It is similar to the plan previously put forward by Justina Pelletier's attorney, and contains elements discussed during meetings between myself, the Reverend Patrick Mahoney and Justina's sister Jennifer.

Next week, Justina will move to the JRI Susan Wayne Center for Excellence, a therapeutic education provider in Thompson, Connecticut. There, she will receive comprehensive services and supports closer to her family, friends, school and community.

JRI will provide services to Justina with the ultimate goal of her returning home as soon as possible.

By court order, DCF at this time retains custody of Justina. As you know, only the Juvenile Court has the authority to determine when and if custody should be returned.

As we have previously shared, DCF will support returning custody of Justina to her parents once they have engaged in the plan's basic conditions. Those conditions are:

1. Attend visits with Justina at the Susan Wayne Center for Excellence
2. Follow through with the Tufts Medical Center care plan
3. Participate in family therapy
4. Meet with DCF to review progress

I have personally spoken with JRI's CEO Andy Pond and he is looking forward to meeting the Pelletiers soon to discuss the treatment plan and the path towards reunification. JRI is a therapeutic education provider that has a long history of working closely with families in difficult circumstances with the goal of reunification.

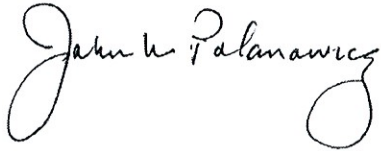
We are confident that we have found the right pathway for Justina to return home as soon as possible so she can continue her strong recovery in Connecticut. This is an important step



forward in an extremely complex situation. We all want Justina to return home soon, and this plan provides a roadmap to make that happen.

Thank you for your interest in Justina's wellbeing, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Polanowicz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John W. Polanowicz
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