

April 22, 2015

The Honorable John Kasich

Governor of Ohio

Columbus, Ohio 43216

Dear Sir,

This is personally to the State of Ohio Governor John Kasich and anyone that works for him, that wants to close the Youngstown Developmental Center and other units run by the State.

Since the Governor took office four years ago and now into his second term he has done everything he can to close the center in Mineral Ridge on County Line Road.

He has been making staff transfer clients to private and smaller homes, group homes, and apartments, to make enrollment go down. I know that clients have passed away to make it come down. I am sure he and his staff can work things out to keep it from closing. He wants voters to think he has done so much in running our state and maybe in some ways he has, but closing the homes of the severely mentally and physically disabled is not the way, this is my opinion. These children need the center open for this is their home. I say children, because that is what they are.

I am the sister of one of them. She is 67 years old and has the mentality of a two year old. She is confined to a wheel chair. She cannot walk, she has a feeding tube to help her when she cannot eat or take her medicine. She has a vago-nerve implant to try to control her seizures. She has had many surgeries in the past years. She has a catheter in at all times and is prone to kidney stones and blood clots, with a device in her abdomen that opens to stop them from moving. There are many more things wrong with her, I could fill more pages.

My sister has been at Y.D.C unit for almost 30 years. She was at other centers, where she was hurt many times, because of not doing the screening they do

today. She has never been hurt at the center in Youngstown, where she has lived for almost 30 years.

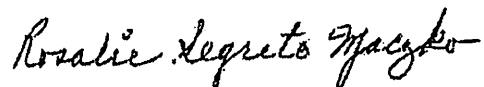
My mother and cousin who have since passed away got her moved here in 1985, if she moves again this will be her fourth move. She is my little sister and we only have each other, as my parents and siblings have passed away. She needs me to be here for her to see that her life is good and safe.

There are other children besides my sister that need constant care with a nurse and staff on duty at all times, with daily visits by a doctor

The trained workers, nurses, and doctors at the center are the best people on this earth. My sister is family to them and that is how she feels about them, they love her. It is the same with all that live there.

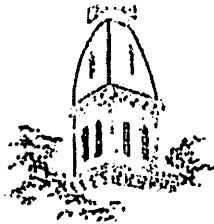
Please, don't close our center and any others. The state did not have this help in 1950, when my sister became disabled and now we do. Please do not take it away. Please, Governor Kasich, with the good Lords help keep our centers open.

Thank You for Listening to me,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalie Segreto Maczko".

Rosalie Segreto Maczko

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September 30, 1985

The Honorable Richard Celeste
Governor of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43216

Dear Sir:

The recent investigation of client abuse at state facilities for the mentally retarded has prompted me to write this letter. You are, no doubt, very concerned about the problem; however, I imagine your concern is somewhat impersonal, given that you are probably not intimately acquainted with any of the victims or their families. So I want to let you know how the situation has affected one family, the Segretos.

My cousin, Alberta Segreto, has been a resident of various state facilities for several years. Alberta was developmentally normal until age two when she underwent surgery for complications of hydrocephaly. The surgery was successful, but due to post-surgical negligence on the part of the hospital she suffered extensive brain damage, and her mental development was arrested at the two-year-old level. She lived at home for many years with her parents, James and Pauline Segreto. As they began to age, however, my Aunt Pauline and Uncle Jimmy could no longer care for her. So after much anguish, they placed Alberta in a state facility.

During the period that Alberta has been institutionalized, she has been injured numerous times--broken limbs, bruises, burns, cuts, contusions. My aunt and uncle often were not informed of these injuries, only discovering them inadvertently when they came to visit. Throughout the years, their complaints were either not taken seriously or prompted cursory investigations with vague assurances of future protection from such abuse. Since my uncle's death, my aunt has continued to report abuse to no avail.

The most recent outrage occurred a few months ago: Alberta was raped. Not only was she raped, but her ribs were broken, she had extensive bruises on her breasts and thighs, and she was bleeding from the anus. I am purposefully being graphic because I want you to imagine that rape happening to your daughter. I want you to picture your daughter as a two-year-old child, for Alberta is child-like and trusting, unable to protect herself or identify her attacker. I want you to ask yourself what you would do. No doubt, you would demand justice, retribution, perhaps even the electric chair.

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I, on the other hand, don't give a damn about exacting retribution; meting out justice cannot undo the years of pain Alberta has suffered nor the years of anguish we, her family, have endured. So I don't want justice; rather, I want the abuse to stop.

Tomorrow morning as you shave, look in the mirror and ask yourself how you can live with yourself knowing that Alberta Segreto (as well as countless other child/women-and-child/men) has been chronically abused, and the state has closed its eyes. You, no doubt, consider yourself an honorable man, a compassionate man. If you want to live up to that image you hold of yourself, if you want to be able to look in the mirror every morning, then make certain that my cousin is never again abused.

Sincerely,

Joyce Segreto, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Psychology

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STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 43215

RICHARD F. CELESTE
GOVERNOR

October 23, 1985

Dr. Joyce Segreto
Muskingum College
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Dear Dr. Segreto:

Although I can never experience what you and your family have been through with your cousin Alberta, I do want you to know that I was outraged to learn of the abuse in our state institutions. I am committed to seeing that this abuse be eliminated and that those responsible are dealt with appropriately.

Dr. Jackson, the interim Director, has moved rapidly to start this action and he has made outstanding progress. Yesterday, I announced the appointment of State Representative Bob Brown as the new Director of the Department. He will bring to the position a wealth of experience and the unique quality of being the parent of a mentally retarded son.

As you may already know, Alberta has been moved, at her mother's request, to Youngstown Developmental Center. Mrs. Segreto has met with staff and has visited Youngstown and it is expected that this placement will best serve Alberta's interests.

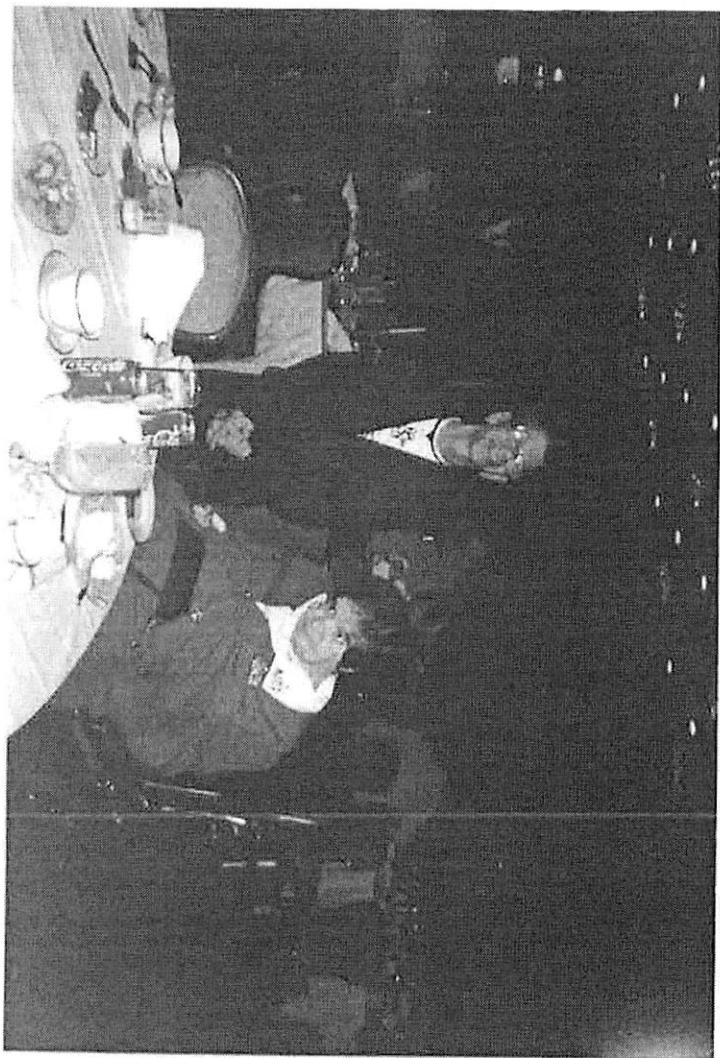
Please continue to inform me of your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard F. Celeste".

Richard F. Celeste
Governor

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Taken At our 50th Anniversary
Alberta Segreto ✓
Louie Segreto-cousin
2004

The center sent two
workers to the party
& stayed with her the
whole time.



Rosalie (Segreto) Maczko
George Maczko

Alberta Segreto
At one of the many
Picnic's that were
held at Y.D.C.



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Alberta Segreto 6 months old