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Dear Ms. Howard:

As a rare supplement to opposing counsel's 60-day letter and for clarity, please be advised that the State has not requested additional briefing as suggested in opposing counsel's letter, but a period of time to submit motion(s) based on the sufficiency and/or assertions in the DBHDD (formerly DMH) report. This would include a request for possible additional measures to be taken, or evaluation made, before a full hearing is held. The State is continuing to investigate this matter in light of certain assertions made in the July 5, 2025 report. The State intends to submit its motion(s) to Judge Knie as soon as possible given the need for additional investigation and consultation and will respectfully request the court consider the requests to be made. As the rulings on the motion(s) may or may not affect a merits hearing, the State is not in the position to agree that the matter is ripe for hearing at this particular juncture. While additional briefing may be helpful to the court at a later point, the State would respectfully leave that to Judge Knie's discretion and direction. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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Attached for filing, please find a status letter in the above referenced case.

Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you.

Best,

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