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Subject: Re: Formal Notice and Objection to Probation Oversight Practices – Jeffrey Groover

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Dear Ms. Tanya Okun,

This correspondence is being respectfully forwarded at the direction of Mr. Scotton, following your indication that a prior communication may not have been received. We now re-submit the original message and include Mr. Jeffrey Groover in copy, as it pertains directly to his supervision and raises concerns of a serious and systemic nature. Mr. Groover has expressly requested to be copied, and Mr. Scotton has insisted that this documentation be formally entered into record.

Please note the following for clarity and transparency:

Mr. Rogerio Scotton has had no direct or indirect contact with Mr. Jeffrey Groover. All employment-related communications or support efforts were conducted exclusively by Mr. Scotton's brother, Alex Scotton, who, in good faith, attempted to assist Mr. Groover in obtaining lawful and stable work.

Additionally, a clarification is warranted regarding Mr. Groover's temporary inclusion on our corporate registration:

Mr. Alex Scotton provisionally listed Mr. Groover under our corporation solely as a means of offering him a better financial and employment opportunity. Upon learning of this assignment, Mr. Groover immediately contacted Mr. Alex Scotton and expressed concerns that such listing could cause complications with his probation. Respecting his wishes, we promptly removed his name.

However, due to a clerical error during the annual registration renewal, Mr. Groover's name was mistakenly re-listed without his or our knowledge or consent. This error has been identified and is in the process of being corrected with the proper authorities. At no time did Mr. Groover exercise ownership, control, or authority within the company.

The following statement is authored by Mr. Rogerio Scotton, a recent graduate of law school in Brazil and a legal advocate currently preparing for bar admission in the United States. Although not yet licensed, he brings a strong academic understanding of the U.S. constitutional

framework, criminal rehabilitation policies, and correctional oversight practices.

Statement from Rogerio Scotton – Legal Advocate

Ms. Okun,

Due to my professional travel obligations, I am submitting this statement through my assistant. However, I would be remiss in my civic duty if I did not place on record serious concerns regarding the treatment of Mr. Jeffrey Groover—concerns that reflect not only potential administrative abuse, but also violations of his constitutional rights.

It has come to our attention—based on recent filings in Mr. Groover's federal case docket—that a motion was submitted seeking to restrict his use of a smartphone. This motion, filed by Mr. Groover's own assigned counsel, is not only legally deficient but also constitutionally problematic. It fails to address or assert any of Mr. Groover's rights under the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, and it disregards the essential purpose of probation as a reintegrative—not punitive—phase. Such a filing borders on malpractice and clearly signals a failure to advocate meaningfully for a man who has already paid his debt to society.

To be clear: Mr. Groover has used his smartphone responsibly for over two years without a single reported violation. His use has been limited to essential, lawful purposes: transportation (Uber/bus schedules), healthcare (doctor appointments, prescriptions), food delivery, employment communication, bill payments, and banking. These are not luxuries—they are survival tools in today's society.

The abrupt effort to revoke or restrict this access now, without cause, and after years of incident-free use, strongly suggests bad faith conduct by the probation office. If such restrictions are being proposed not based on actual misconduct, but to manufacture a basis for violation, then we are witnessing a perversion of justice. This is not supervision. *This is entrapment*.

Furthermore, if internal pressures—such as performance metrics, quotas, or unwritten agendas—are influencing probation officers to provoke revocations, then we are dealing with systemic fraud. That kind of misconduct undermines the legitimacy of the entire corrections and rehabilitation framework and exposes the government to both constitutional challenge and Congressional oversight.

Mr. Groover is not simply a former inmate—he is a regenerated man, a working citizen, a 60-year-old human being attempting to rebuild a life with dignity and without fanfare. He wakes at

4:00 a.m., rides the bus, works all day delivering fish, and returns home exhausted—not to leisure, but to survive. He has no record of violence, no disciplinary violations, no wealth, and no misconduct since reentry. And yet, he is now being subjected to a policy decision that appears deliberately designed to push him into failure.

This conduct is not just wrong—it is unconstitutional. And if allowed to continue, it will further erode public trust in our justice system, increase recidivism, and punish individuals not for what they have done, but for daring to attempt reintegration.

I will be filing an amicus curiae brief under Rule 29 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, and I intend to submit a formal complaint to Congressional oversight committees and the Office of the Inspector General regarding this practice. If necessary, I will assist Mr. Groover in asserting claims under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents*, *403 U.S. 388 (1971)*, should evidence of targeted harassment and rights violations persist.

This is not advocacy for leniency. This is a demand for constitutional compliance. **Probation should be a bridge—not a trap.**

We respectfully request that this statement be acknowledged and added to Mr. Groover's file. Please be advised that further actions suggesting retaliatory or arbitrary interference in his post-release progress will be met with legal and public recourse. It is not only Mr. Groover's future that is at stake—it is the credibility of your office.

Sincerely,

Scotton



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Subject: Clarification Regarding Mr. Jeff Groover and Company Registration

July 3, 2025

Ms. Tanya Okun Probation Officer

Dear Ms. Okun,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to provide a formal clarification regarding Mr. Jeff Groover and his inadvertent association with a business entity that was recently brought to your attention. I understand there may be concerns surrounding his name appearing on corporate documents, and I wish to assure you that Mr. Groover had no direct or voluntary involvement in the creation or management of the business in question.

By way of background, my brother, Alex Scotton, and I had been exploring opportunities to develop a small international trade venture between Brazil and the United States. Given our longstanding relationship with Jeff and recognizing his financial hardship and sincere efforts to comply with all terms of his probation, we initially believed that offering him an opportunity for eventual employment or support through this company might assist him in his reintegration process. Our intention was to provide him with a lawful way to earn supplemental income, not to place him in any jeopardy with your office or the courts.

However, when Mr. Groover became aware that his name had been placed on the corporate documentation—entirely by our decision and without his signature or prior approval—he immediately contacted us to object and firmly requested that we remove his name. He made it very clear that his probation conditions prohibit him from engaging in any formal business ownership or management. He was visibly distressed and emphasized that failure to remove his name could place him at risk of violation.

Following his request, we promptly instructed our document preparer to file the necessary amendments to withdraw his name and correct the registration. Regrettably, due to what now appears to be a clerical or processing error, the paperwork may not have been filed correctly—or may have inadvertently reinstated his name during another unrelated filing. We have since

reconfirmed with the service provider that Mr. Groover's name will be officially removed no later than Monday, July 7, 2025, and that the filings will reflect that neither he nor any person acting on his behalf had consented to this registration.

We understand that documents submitted to the Division of Corporations may contain typed or printed names resembling signatures, but I wish to emphasize that neither my signature nor Mr. Groover's was affixed to any filings. It appears that the preparer may have inserted names electronically to facilitate the registration process, which was wholly improper and misleading.

To be absolutely clear:

Mr. Groover did not form, authorize, sign for, or agree to participate in the formation of this company.

His name was added without his knowledge or consent.

Upon learning of the issue, he expressly demanded that we correct the filings and remove his name.

He has had no involvement in the business, and has not received or sought any compensation or benefit.

We deeply regret the unintended consequences this situation has caused for Mr. Groover. It was never our intention to create any hardship or to place him in a vulnerable position with your office. Jeff has consistently voiced his desire to do the right thing, and it is disheartening to see him repeatedly burdened by the system while simply trying to rebuild his life.

We respectfully ask that you take this explanation into account, and that Mr. Groover not be penalized for an error that was entirely ours. Should you require further documentation or clarification, I remain fully available to cooperate and assist.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued work in guiding individuals through their reentry with dignity and fairness.

Sincerely,



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