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Mr. John LeMay, President
Minnesota Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
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Dear Mr. LeMay:

I am responding to your letter to Governor Perpich regarding the staffing level at Faribault State Hospital.

The decrease in staffing at Faribault State Hospital (and, for that matter, throughout the state hospital system) due to the loss of federal funds under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) has had serious effect on our programs there. Mr. Charles Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer at Faribault State Hospital is attempting to relieve the situation as much as possible by regrouping his work force and utilizing as many indirect service positions as is feasible for direct care functions in the Cedar, Holly, and Pine buildings creating student worker positions to be available in the residential living areas and assuring that the building management teams are doing the utmost to assist in these buildings. In addition, Mr. Turnbull has contacted by phone the CETA offices in Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul to ascertain the possibilities for future funding (there were no assurances given, however).

The loss of funding for the CETA positions was not anticipated by the Department of Public Welfare or the Department of Economic Security and it is highly regrettable that we were unable to secure a continuation of that funding. In the meantime, however, I want to assure you that we are making every effort to obviate the negative impact that has resulted from this loss of CETA personnel and insure the safety and well being of the persons in our care.

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We are hopeful of being able to find the alternatives that will allow us,
on a continuing basis, to remedy this situation.

Very sincerely yours,



Edward J. Dirkwager, Jr.
Commissioner

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CC: Governor Rudy Perpich

Harvey Caldwell, Assistant Commissioner, Mental Health Bureau

Charles Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer, Faribault State Hospital

