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Mr. Thomas Glaser
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VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

Re: M. R. Bauer Foundation

Dear Mr. Glaser:

Please accept this letter as my request to terminate the current grant agreement between the College of DuPage (COD) and the M. R. Bauer Foundation (Bauer). I will request, if necessary, that Bauer join in this request.

I would like to thank both your office and the COD for the opportunity to assist our efforts to improve the administration of justice within the Court System of Cook County. Also, based upon my interactions with senior Cook County elected officials, I am pleased to inform the COD that the primary grant goal of reinvigorating the interest in the operation of the Cook County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is now likely to occur within the next several months. One note of caution, personal experience has taught that elected officials, not consultants or staff, ought best to announce new initiatives.

I am seeking the termination of this grant and a refund to Bauer of unexpended funds (approximately \$38,000) due to the change in direction of the COD, as well as the desire of my office to continue serving as a positive catalyst and to avoid any possible distraction to Cook County, where I proudly served most of my adult life. To facilitate the requested termination and refund to Bauer, my office will execute an indemnification agreement upon request.

During my tenure at the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council, I initiated the largest drug treatment court in the country, persuaded the Congress of the United States to change the funding formula for the *Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (1998)* to include not only cities but counties, bringing millions of additional dollars annually to

help Cook County fight crime. I also initiated and secured federal funding to initiate a county-wide crime prevention program in conjunction with over thirty county municipalities. This program, known as BADGE (Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Elimination), provided juvenile crime prevention services to over 500,000 at-risk youth. Thanks to this program, Cook County was able to reduce the population at the Cook County Department of Corrections as well as the Illinois Department of Corrections.

This experience has taught me to value outcome over process. This bias and the desire to effect positive change have historically proven successful tools. It is for these reasons, that it was decided to render informal verbal reports periodically to Bauer and COD.

I am pleased to advise COD and Bauer of my intention to continue these efforts on a pro bono basis. In this regard, I expect that the assistance of COD will have provided lasting value to Cook County. For these reasons, I again thank you and the College of DuPage for the valuable assistance provided.

Respectfully submitted,



James M. O'Rourke