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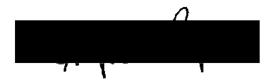
October 16, 2024

To the Shelby County Board of Trustees:

Shelby County engaged Benford Brown & Associates LLC to perform an audit of its financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023. During the past two weeks, Shelby County has experienced the resignation of key members of its Board of Commissioners which we believe will cause significant disruption in our ability to effectively perform the FY2023 audit. As such, we are terminating our agreement to perform the FY2023 audit, effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at

Sincerely,



Alyssia Benford, CPA Partner

CC: Attorney Sean Connolly Attorney Robert Hanlon