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BY EMAIL

Office of Civil Rights
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***In re: Hear Our Voices, Inc., Trevor and Vivian Chaplick, and
James and Sheila Bingham, Petitioners.***

Dear Madam or Sir:

As indicated in my voice mail messages to you of **September 5, 2023** and again on **November 14, 2023**, I have seen no response to the Complaint filed **July 27, 2023** pursuant to the Virginia Human Rights Act ("VHRA"), Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*, and your office has given no indication of the commencement of any investigation into matters raised in the Complaint.

By contrast, when the National Merit controversy broke, Attorney General Miyares almost immediately took the opportunity to make the rounds with the media citing how much he cared about protecting the civil rights of Virginia gifted students under the Virginia Human Rights Act. The clear and consistent message is that the rights of disabled students are not a priority to this Administration.

Please advise of the status of this Complaint and your office's investigation. If the Office of the Attorney General refuses to even begin to investigate the well-documented, deeply-rooted and long-standing practices of discrimination by the Virginia Department of Education ("VDOE") and the Fairfax County School Board ("FCSB") against disabled children in Fairfax County and across Virginia as alleged in the Complaint, then we will be forced to seek a writ of mandamus commanding the Attorney General to protect the civil rights of Virginia's disabled children and their families.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RBT', followed by a horizontal line.

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