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Re: Kanautica P. Zayre (OPUS No. 0618705)

Dear Ms. Shah:

After careful review and consideration of the unique characteristics, circumstances, and personal history of your client, Kanautica Zayre-Brown, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will promptly move Ms. Zayre-Brown to a female facility no later than August 22, 2019.

An August move will allow DPS to continue researching and implementing best practices from the states that have transferred transgender women to female facilities. Implementation of best practices will help to ensure the safety and preparedness of correctional officers and offenders. Prior to the transfer of your client, DPS will provide staff training and complete such policy revisions as may be necessary to implement these best practices within DPS. DPS will provide you with bi-weekly updates until your client is transferred to a female facility no later than August 22, 2019.

Sincerely,

Jane Ammons Gilchrist
General Counsel

cc: Tim Moose, Chief Deputy Secretary
Kenneth Lassiter, Director of Prisons
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