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Dear Mr. Steen,

It is out of concern for my health and well being that I write you this letter. My mistreatment while under the Conservatorship of Att. John Fauntleroy, has reached a point that I am forced to speak out and seek a change in my status immediately.

Att. John Fauntleroy is either too busy, over-worked, non-caring, or just plain unprofessional in his treatment of me and my affairs that a change must take as soon as possible.

In the first few months of his supervision, Att. Fauntleroy was kind, attentive, concerned and a gentleman. However, over the last year things have changed to the point that they are no longer tolerable.

Here are a few examples of my mistreatment, for I am sure that the Court would be interested in such behavior.

- A. Over the past year Att. Fauntleroy has come to my home to visit me but once. Certainly a visual check on me and my home is a requirement.
- B. Att. Fauntleroy has called me on the phone but but twice. One of those times was recently when it was necessary to discuss with me some work that I wanted done on the house.
- C. Over the past year Mr. Fauntleroy has never returned any of my dozens of calls. How inconsiderate and rude.
- D. My monthly allotment check of \$550.00 (which started out at \$750.00 and reduced without



consultation with me or my children) is never delivered on time. At first, the check was remitted at the first of the month, now I receive it between the 15th and 22nd. Since it is always late, I can never plan ahead. It is the day after Mothers Day. You would think that a good gesture would be to get the check to me before Mothers Day.

- E. Mr. Fauntleroy used to drop off my check to me personally at my home. Then a year ago he started putting the check in my mail box, without knocking on the door or calling. Now he delivers my check to my daughter, who then has to driver over and give it to me. Thus creating a further delay. My daughter has asked him repeatedly to stop this practice, but he says "its convenient". I am sure it is because it eliminates any access to him.
- F. Two months ago he delivered to my daughter \$250.00 in cash, stating that "he was too busy to obtain a check for the entire amount." He finally gave her a check for the balance a week later. Does this mean that he can access my account for cash at any time?
- G. During the one visit that I did receive, it was inform me that he was cutting off my long-distance service and my Cable pay-per-view service. It seemed to him that these bills were a little high. He cut these services off without any consideration of my personal well being. The fact that they were a little high was an aberration. My daughter had visited for a month and made a few calls to her husband and friends. My son made several #900 calls, looking into purchasing several #900 lines for a business venture. All of these calls were authorized by me. He advised me that he would obtain a monthly \$50.00 calling card. This six or seven months ago and I havent seen a card yet. If I want to make a long-distance call, I must use my sons Cellular phone. Give me a break. He has charged my account thousands of dollars for his services and you mean that I can't afford cable and phone service. I want these services restored immediately.

- H. Seven or eight months ago Att. Fauntleroy applied for a large second mortgage on my home from Nations Bank. I was not notified of this decision nor were my children. What gives him this right and what in the world was this money for. I only found out when the bank notified me that the loan request had been turned down.
- I. The Gas Company sent me the bill for May, stating that nothing was due for May. The bill shows in April Att. Fauntleroy sent them a payment of \$500.00, however, the bill was for only \$61.77. I now have a credit of -\$477.34. It will take til Christmas to use it all. Is this incompetence or what?
- J. On May 8th two men rang my door bell and advised my son that they are from PEPCO and are here to disconnect my electrical service, for the bill has not been paid since March. I normally don't answer the door when I'm alone, fortunately my son was here, otherwise I would have been sitting in the dark. My God, what gives?
- K. A few months ago the roof ^{leaked} on the main house and on an additional room that my husband and me had constructed about 20 years ago. After a few weeks of not being able to contact Att. Fauntleroy, my daughter finally did. It seems that my daughter is the only one he talks to or calls are returned. He advised her to tell me to seek a competitive bid and that he would take care of it. My son contacted several Companies and the best bid for the roof work and ceiling repairs was \$7K. Att. Fauntleroy was notified and he said that he would pay it. But my son wasn't satisfied, he thought that we could get a lower price. A few weeks later my son found a reputable Company which bid \$3500.00, half the price. My daughter immediately faxed the new bid to Att. Fauntleroy. He promised to take care of it in a few days. Almost six weeks went by before he finally met with the Contractor (Anitalon General Contractors of Capitol Heights, Md. Mr. Pyles, Pres.). Keeping in mind that during that six week period we desperately tried reaching Att. Fauntleroy with no calls being returned. As a result, additional damage was done to the house, thus increasing the bid slightly.

During this period I had to sleep on the sofa for fear of falling debris. Since the contractor was doing such great work, I decided to have the interior painted (it hasn't been painted in 25 years), some gutter work, repair the kitchen ceiling, and replace the bathroom floor (which came with the house 60 years ago). All for only \$2K more. The Contractor submitted the proposal for the additional work and Att. Fauntleroy advised the Contractor that he would only pay for the additional damage in my bedroom because I didn't have enough money in my account to handle the entire \$2K. How humiliating. Also, how was it OK to handle \$7K weeks earlier and now we can't a total of \$6500.00. Something is wrong. I should have more than enough money in my account to handle this expenditure. Between \$60 to \$70K has entered my account since Att. has taken over. Where has it gone?

- L. During Att. Fauntleroy's meeting with the Contractor, he took the liberty to discuss with him ^{what} I consider very inappropriate for an Officer of the Courts to say. He revealed to him that he had not paid my taxes for '96 yet, I didn't know that. What's he doing telling him that for? Why haven't they been paid? Doesn't anyone supervise this man? Doesn't he have to turn in reports on his activities? This is outrageous. Att. Fauntleroy spoke of my son to the Contractor in a very slanderous way. So much so, that it prompted the Contractor to advise us of this indiscretion. His advice to us was, "this man does not like you nor your and that we should seek to remove ourselves from someone who feels this way". You bet I will, Certainly he has crossed the line of proper ethics and I wish to file a complaint to the Bar.

Att. Steen I agreed to have Temporary Relief under a Court Conservator in order to give me relief from my fighting children. It was to give me peace of mind and protection. It has accomplished neither. I am tired of begging for my own money and being treated like a nobody. Many mistakes were made by my loving family, which allowed me to be placed in such a program. There was no trust. However we now all now agree that it was a mistake and that it must be corrected. When all of this occurred, I was in too

much grief from my husband's death to comprehend what was going on, and didn't care. However, I am out of the fog. Many mean things were said by my children towards one another and many lies were told, especially on my son, who virtually takes care of my every need. This a good family with many accomplishments. My husband and me were Educators. My husband retired as Principal of M. M. Washington, Vocational School for Girls. I taught music and excelled in politics. Enclosed you will find a snapshot of me and the Mayor grand opening of a new Safeway in Northeast. As President of the Fort Dupont Divic Association and a member of D. C. Development Corp. we made it possible for Safeway to to that location. My organization built the new Boys and Boys Club on Benning Road. I very proud. My friends and associates are: Mayor, Marion Barry, the late Chairman, Mr. John Wilson, Councilman, John Ray, Councilman, Bill Lightfoot, and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. I could go on. My daughter in Atlanta is married to a prominent Lawyer and lives in a beautiful home. My daughter Toni works the Washington Post in a wonderful position and lives in a lovely home in Md. My son is President of his own Company in Internation Trade and has helped my husband and me in many ways thought the years and I will always be grateful. He even used to live next door to the late Chairman John Wilson and had two beautiful homes in Tantallon of Fort Washington, Md. And I want this letter on record in the Courts, since these proceedings are all public. I want this to reflect the true image of my family.

As a result I authorize ^{you} to represent my children and me to Petition the Court to immediately remove from Consegratory status, it is no longer needed. We now can handle our own affairs.

An addition, until this can be accomplished with the Courts I want you to handle all future contacts with Att. Fauntleroy and see to it that:

1. The work on my home is finished.
2. My long distance service is restored.
3. My Pay-Per-View Cable TV service is restored.
4. Have my '96 taxes immediate, prepared and filed..
5. File a complaint with the Bar Association for inappropriate comments to the Contractor and any other ethics violation that I have mentioned in this letter.

6. Petition the Court for an immediate Audit of my finances. Where is all of my money.

I'm sorry that I got windy but you can see that I'm mad as hell. I wish to have my quality of life restored. My children will make themselves available to you for anything you need to accomplish these goals. Please excuse my typing for it has been a while.

I do not have access to a copier, so if you would please, send a copy of this letter to the following individuals.

Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. and to the
Chief Judge Superior Court
Antoinette Jackson
Denise M. Sanders
David E. Harrison
John Fauntleroy, Esq.

Sincerely,

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P. S. Please make copies of enclosed pictures and return the originals to me at your convenience. I want Att. Fauntleroy to know who I am. Thank You.