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Hon. Mike Williams
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
501 East Bay Street
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Dear Sheriff Williams,

First, congratulations on your win. From my perspective, the Department is healthier and more effective than it has been in some time. I saw the bank rescue, and your team did one hell of an effective operation.

What follows is not a negative commentary on the officers, who did a fine job, but today I attempted access to the third floor east wing of the Duval County Jail and was denied access to my client Joseph Cardillo because I declined to be scanned by the newly-installed x-ray equipment.

Based on personal circumstances, I have been advised by my physicians that I should reduce exposure to x-ray of any type. I was curious to know if there can be accommodations made for contact with my clients without being x-rayed.

To this end, I met with Officers Bilote and Johnson who informed me that Director Bruno has established as a hard rule access by non-law enforcement personnel only after being scanned.

Subsequently I discussed my circumstances with Director Bruno with the thought that I could use the Polycom. The Director advised me that the Polycom is linked to the Public Defender's Office and cannot be used by the general public.

It occurs to me that there must be some accommodation, because people in wheelchairs are, based on my understanding, not made to go through the scanner.

While I am sensitive to the difficulties your command encounters restricting the introduction of contraband into these facilities, I am being forced to choose between my health and effectively representing my clients.

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I would be grateful for any accommodation your staff can make for me and my circumstances as well as others who are similarly situated.

Sincerely,

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cc: Director Mike Bruno, Department of Corrections