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Ms. Bailey deLongh
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Dear Ms. deLongh:

The Department received your August 7, 2002 letter. In the letter, you identify the ways in which King County Office of Civil Rights (OCR) intends to resolve the substantial equivalency certification concerns identified in the Department's legal analyses, dated July 25, 2002 and July 12, 2002. The Department appreciates OCR's willingness to make changes in response to our feedback.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the enactment of proposed changes to the King County Fair Housing Ordinance, as identified in your August 7, 2002 letter, will result in compliance with the substantial equivalency certification requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act and the relevant regulation, at 24 C.F.R. Part 115.

Your letter sets forth procedures regarding Section 21 of the ordinance. Therefore, the Department will view the letter as a key component of OCR's substantially equivalent law (i.e., the substantially equivalent law will be considered the King County Fair Housing Ordinance plus the August 7, 2002 letter). Please be aware that monitoring by the HUD regional office will include a review of whether or not OCR is following the procedures enumerated in the letter.

Thank you for your cooperation. The Department looks forward to a continuing relationship with OCR as we strive to make fair housing a reality throughout the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron P. Newry".

Myron P. Newry
Director
FHIP/FHAP Support Division

cc: Judith Keeler, Director, Seattle FHEO Hub
Linda Cruciani, Assistant General Counsel for Fair Housing Enforcement