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Mr. Carlton McCall, Board President
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Dear Executive Director and Board President:

In order to ensure that New York State (NYS) citizens with developmental disabilities receive appropriate services and protections, the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has established an internal Early Alert Committee. The committee is made up of OPWDD senior leadership and senior managers. The purpose of the Early Alert process is to monitor the performance of a provider that has been unable to sustain compliance with NYS laws and regulations and/or has been unable to demonstrate sound governance practices, including management of fiscal resources, so that OPWDD can take appropriate action as necessary.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that Federation of Multicultural Programs has been placed on Early Alert status for the following reasons:

Serious concerns related to agency internal controls as well as significant compliance issues at one ICF program.

While Federation of Multicultural programs is on Early Alert status, appropriate staff of OPWDD will work with you to address the issues so that you may arrive at a solution that will be in the best interests of the individuals you serve and their families. During this time, OPWDD will make a determination regarding whether Federation of Multicultural Programs has the ability to remedy the deficient practices and sustain compliance. If your agency can demonstrate the ability to sustain compliance, Federation of Multicultural programs will be removed from Early Alert status and you will be notified accordingly.

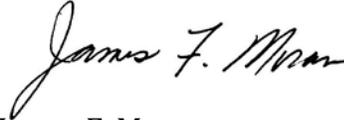
While an agency is on Early Alert status, OPWDD will not consider any requests for expansion of services and may suspend any expansion that is in process.

Please note that being placed on Early Alert status does not affect the current certification or funding of an agency or its programs. In accordance with state laws, all contracts and the certification of all programs will remain in effect unless OPWDD takes action to terminate them.

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Sincerely,



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