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RE: Americans with Disabilities Act Investigation
of the University of Colorado at Boulder
DJ# 204-13-314

Dear Mr. O’Rourke:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Department is closing its investigation of the University of Colorado at Boulder (the “University”) under title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12134, and the Department of Justice’s implementing regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. The complaint, filed by students with vision disabilities, alleged that they have been denied an equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, the University’s services, programs, and activities because of their disabilities.

After carefully considering the preliminary evidence, we have determined that further action by the Department will not be taken at this time. Our action does not constitute a decision on the merit of the complaint and does not affect a complainant’s right, if any, to file a private ADA lawsuit on this matter in federal district court. Additionally, any failure to comply with the ADA 25 years after its passage exposes government entities and businesses to complaints and lawsuits generally.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, we may be required to release this letter as well as other correspondence and records related to the complaint in response to a request from a third party. Should we receive such a request, we will safeguard, to the extent permitted by the FOIA, the release of information which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy.
If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Lynch by phone at (22) 305-2008 or by email at William.lynch@usdoj.gov or Ms. Rubin by phone at (202) 305-2191 or by email at paula.rubin@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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