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Dr. Dan Lujetic Superintendent Connellsville Area School District 732 Rockridge Road Connellsville, PA 15425

RE: Removal of Unconstitutional Ten Commandments Monument

Dear Dr. Lujetic:

I am an attorney with the Pittsburgh-based law firm Steele Schneider. We represent the Freedom From Religion Foundation ("FFRF") and a parent of a Connellsville Area School District student who has had and will continue to have unwelcome contact with the Ten Commandments monument located at Connellsville Junior High School East. The District's display of a Ten Commandments monument at a public school is a clear violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The District must remove the monument forthwith.

The Ten Commandments monument is located near the main Junior High School East entrance by the auditorium. Students regularly view the Ten Commandments monument when boarding or exiting school buses and during outdoor gym classes.

This Ten Commandments monument will not withstand judicial scrutiny. The location of the monument on school property conflicts with a wealth of United States Supreme Court precedent that protects the rights of public school students to freedom of conscience. For a summary of the governing legal cases, please review the enclosed legal memorandum. There has yet to be any situation in which a federal court has upheld the display of a Ten Commandments monument at a public school, and there are no unique facts in this situation that would cause the courts to depart from this well-established precedent.

This letter constitutes my clients' demand that that you permanently remove the Ten Commandments monument from school property. This is the only demand that my clients will make, and if you fail to provide notice to this office by September 7, 2012 indicating that you will comply with this demand, the FFRF and its parent complainant will file suit against the District and its administration in the United States District Court for the Western

District of Pennsylvania under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If a lawsuit is initiated, in addition to seeking a mandatory injunction for removal of the Ten Commandments, my clients will also seek a judgment against the District for the reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred during the litigation of the lawsuit. Recovery of these fees and expenses is authorized under 42 U.S.C. § 1988.

I hope you will choose to remove the monument in consideration of the foregoing within the timeframe stated in this letter and, in the process, avoid the time, trouble and expense of litigation. Should you have any questions about this matter, I urge you to contact your own attorney.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure