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Dear Members of the Plaintiff Class:

It is with a sense of deep regret and sincere apology that we write to you, the families of deceased loved ones who were in the Hamilton County Morgue between August 2000 and January 2001. As is well known to all by now, your family member was either photographed or capable of being photographed by an individual named Thomas Condon, who had access to the Hamilton County Morgue and who could have had access to your loved one during that time period. Condon's actions are inexcusable. The fact that the Hamilton County Coroner's Office did not prevent Condon's actions initially or discover his actions quickly is an unfortunate set of circumstances for which the County sincerely apologizes and regrets. Please be assured that Hamilton County and the Hamilton County Coroner's Office have taken steps to safeguard against the risk of the same type of event from occurring again.

On behalf of Hamilton County, we write and extend this public apology to you, the family members. We cannot adequately express in words the apology that you deserve. We hope only that you will find the peace of mind and serenity of spirit that can come from the knowledge that this case has produced corrective action at Hamilton County and a cleaning of house at the Coroner's Office.

Please accept our deepest sympathies and apologies over this unfortunate series of events.

Respectfully submitted,

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