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Statement from Governor Bevin's Office on Settlement Agreement

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 20, 2016) – The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit vacated the district court order that originally approved the Settlement Agreement and found it to be a “consent decree” that needed further consideration – not a binding agreement. Neither the purported “Settlement Agreement” nor the “Amendment” to it has any legal, binding effect.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, as personified in the Bevin administration, does not believe it to be in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth for outside interest groups such as the ACLU and the Americans United for the Separation of Church and State to have control of, or any a say-so in how state government operates, or in the decisions that it makes. Such outside oversight and interference is inimical to the interest of the people.

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The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is home to most of the state's human services and healthcare programs, including the Department for Medicaid Services, the Department for Community Based Services, the Department for Public Health, and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full- and part-time employees located across the Commonwealth focused on improving the lives and health of Kentuckians.