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MAYOR'S OFFICE

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mayor Samuel Kooiker  
Rapid City Convention Center  
Office of the Mayor  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**Re: ADA Complaint DJ No. 204-69-50**

Dear Mayor Kooiker:

The Department of Justice has received a complaint alleging that the Rapid City Convention Center in Rapid City, South Dakota, has violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12181-12189. This office has opened a routine investigation of the complaint. Please note that our decision to investigate does not reflect any determination as to the merits of the complaint. Our goal is to investigate this matter in a fair and impartial manner and to work with you, if necessary, to reach a productive and amicable resolution.

Title II of the ADA prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities by public accommodations. A copy of the Department's regulation implementing Title III of the ADA is enclosed for your convenience. The text of the ADA, the Department's regulation, and many technical assistance publications can also be accessed on our ADA Home Page at <http://www.ada.gov>.

An investigator from this office, Ms. Celeste Adams-Simmons, will be contacting you soon to inform you about the allegations of the complaint and, if necessary, obtain documents and information this office needs to determine if any problems exist. Ms. Adams-Simmons will also explain ways in which this matter can be promptly resolved.

We look forward to working with you to bring this matter to a prompt resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Adams-Simmons at 202-307-1084.

Please refer to the case number referenced above whenever you contact this office about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jana Erickson".

Jana Erickson  
Deputy Chief of Enforcement  
Disability Rights Section

Enclosure: Title II Regulation