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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
STATE OF MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
DAWN DZIUBA,	)	Estate No. 1722-PR00058
	)	
Respondent.	)	

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH/ST. LOUIS FORENSIC TREATMENT CENTER'S OBJECTION TO MOTION FOR TERMINATION OF GUARDIAN AND RESTORATION OF RIGHTS

Comes now, Felix Vincenz, PhD, Chief Executive Officer for St. Louis Forensic Treatment Center, a facility of the Missouri Department of Mental Health, by counsel, Erin M. Bentley, Deputy General Counsel, and states as follows:

1. Dawn Dziuba is committed to the Department of Mental Health and currently resides at St. Louis Forensic Treatment Center-South.

2. After a jury trial on April 24, 2017, Jill Hanley, Public Administrator for the City of St. Louis, was appointed as the limited guardian for Dawn Dziuba. Sean Rapp, Public Administrator for the City of St. Louis, was appointed as successor guardian on April 1, 2022.

3. On July 18, 2022, Dawn Dziuba, pro se, filed a Motion to Terminate the Guardianship, or in the alternative Transfer the Guardianship to her father, Nicholas Dziuba. On February 7, 2023, Dawn Dziuba withdrew her Motion, and the case was dismissed.

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4. On August 21, 2023, Dawn Dziuba, pro se, filed a Motion to Terminate the Limited Guardianship and for Restoration of All Rights.

5. St. Louis Forensic Treatment Center and the Department of Mental Health object to the Motion to Terminate Limited Guardianship for Dawn Dziuba on the grounds that Ms. Dziuba continues to require a guardian as she is unable, due to partial incapacity, to make decisions regarding her safety and the safety of others. A guardian remains necessary to direct all medical treatment, hospitalization, access to medical records, and placement related to Dawn Dziuba.

6. Furthermore, St. Louis Forensic Treatment Center and the Missouri Department of Mental Health deny any and all other claims of violations or improper wrongdoing as set forth in Dawn Dziuba's Motions.

WHEREFORE, Respondent requests the Court deny the Motion for Termination of Limited Guardianship and Restoration of Rights of Dawn Dziuba, and different relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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