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The Honorable Patrick B. Harris
Member, House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Harris:

You had inquired as to whether the position of our Office would be that the community mental health boards exercise sovereign power of the State. This Office opined, in an opinion dated July 10, 1963, a copy of which is enclosed, that "the powers and duties of the local [mental health] boards ... involve the exercise of the sovereign powers of this State, in the performance of which the public is concerned." That conclusion still represents the opinion of this Office.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Petway

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Enclosure

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