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**Fulton County Sheriff Ted Jackson  
185 Central Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**Dear Sheriff Jackson,**

**Re:Securus Technology**

**On August, 15, 2017 you disconnected my office from password use of the Securus Inmate Communication System. Through your Chief Deputy Jimmy Carter, I was instructed to obtain a court order if my office wished to continue the use of this system.**

**I obtained such an order, but you have nevertheless not authorized our access to the system. Further, several days after withdrawing the use of Securus from the District Attorney's Office, you removed all Fulton County Law Enforcement and prosecution agencies from accessing the system. As you are aware, Securus has become a critical part of our law enforcement and prosecution efforts to protect the citizens of our County. Securus is particularly critical in our fight to protect domestic violence victims and to curb criminal gang activity in our community.**

**Accordingly, the police Chief of the City of Atlanta, Erica Shields, and I are requesting a meeting with you to discuss a resolution to this growing public safety issue. We are requesting this meeting at your earliest convenience, so we can all continue the process of protecting the public at the highest possible level.**

**We are both available today, as this is a matter of great urgency.**

**Yours truly,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. L. Howard Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

**District Attorney Paul L. Howard Jr.**

**CC:  
Chief Erica Shields**