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Re: ***Gary Watsky v. Williamson County, et al;*** Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00374-RP;  
United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division  
Germer No. 104999

Dear Dr. Gottlieb:

This letter confirms your retention as a consulting and/or testifying expert on behalf of Defendants Robert Chody, Mark Luera, Steve Deaton, and Williamson County, Texas, in the above-referenced lawsuit. This agreement does not preclude the retention of other consulting and/or testifying experts by any Defendant.

We agree that your hourly rate for work performed on this matter will be \$300.00 per hour and that additional work requiring travel and/or provision of testimony will be billed at \$3,000.00 per day plus expenses. There will be a retainer payment of \$5,000.00.

Regarding payment of your invoices, please provide a current W-9 Statement and send your invoices to my firm. We will review and approve all invoices before forwarding them to Williamson County, who will then pay you directly.

Please confirm your agreement to this retention by signing the letter below and returning it to my office.

Please note that, according to the enclosed Text Order, your written report in this case is due on September 27, 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to working with you.

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Sincerely,



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**ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT,  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

**AGREED TO BY:**

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Michael C. Gottlieb, Ph.D

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Williamson County, Texas

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosure (as stated)

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