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July 30, 2026
(email)

Administrator
Merrill Gardens at Auburn
1938 Fairview Ave E Ste 300
Seattle, WA 98102

Assisted Living Facility License #2506

RE: INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR) REQUEST DENIED

Dear Administrator:

This letter is to inform you that the Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) request received in our office on July 30, 2026, for the Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) dated June 26, 2026, is being denied without further process. Records indicate that your facility received the SOD on July 10, 2026. Your IDR request needed to be sent on/or before July 24, 2026, to be within the required timeframe. Your request shows it was sent online July 30, 2026.

WAC 388-78A-3210 Informal Dispute Resolution.
The assisted living facility has a right to an informal dispute resolution meeting according to department procedure and consistent with RCW 18.20.195. The assisted living facility must make a request for an informal dispute resolution meeting in writing within ten days of the receipt of the written notice of deficiency.

Please feel free to contact us at RCSIDR@DSHS.WA.GOV should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kim Friesz for Rebecca Fueston

Kim Friesz-AA3 for
Rebecca Fueston
IDR Unit Manager
Residential Care Services

cc: Regional Administrator-Region 2
Field Service Administrator-Region 2
Field Manager/AA3- Region 2 Unit D
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