



Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program

Statement on the Sentencing of Former Deputy Director John Raines

March 5, 2025

The deliberate and fraudulent actions committed by former Deputy Director John Raines are reprehensible and do not reflect our Program values or mission. We are deeply saddened and outraged by his betrayal, which not only caused harm to our organization but more importantly undermined the trust in the Program by the vulnerable families we serve. The funds embezzled were those which could be used for medical bills, housing renovations and adaptive equipment among other purposes. We are grateful to state and federal law enforcement and the judicial system for their efforts in ensuring that Mr. Raines is held fully responsible for this egregious breach of public trust.