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Enclosed is a letter that I have written to Norman Kurland at the Civil Rights Commission to see if he work look into it. You have very likely met this man when he was in Mississippi. We have written him about other cases at various times and he has been helpful so at least it is worth a try.

It just might be that he could speak to the right people and get the pressure dropped--I don't know. If that doesn't work maybe we can think of something else. I assume you have been in touch with Operation Freedom about this, but I know how many calls they have on them right now for money and of course you know that too so I imagine it would be difficult there.

If we can't get anything done to take the pressure off, it seems to me that the only thing you can do is let them sue you and fight it outpithere. Since you offered to let them take the air conditioning unit to settle the claim I really don't see what basis they've got for a suit, so maybe the whole is a bit of bluff on their part.

Carl is away and want be back til the day before Thanksgiving, but it is possible that he will have a lot better ideas than I do and I hope so.

Keep in touch with us and let us know how it goes.

Warm regards,

Anne Braden