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Mr. Gary H. Hamblin, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Hamblin:

At the May meeting of the Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center Advisory Board (FCAB), Angela Turner, President and CEO of the Center for Self Sufficiency, presented an updated summary of the efforts of the Milwaukee Region 2 Workforce Implementation Team. Considerable discussion centered upon the challenges of coordinating workforce related re-entry services for offenders in Milwaukee County.

We found three recommendations in the report of interest to us and would like the opportunity to meet and discuss the progress made, to date, in implementing the recommendations. The first recommendation that is of interest to the Board is the creation of a Re-entry Division. The second area of interest is the reclassification of the Work Release Coordinator, and the third is the revamping of the purchase of service system to focus on quality of services and cost efficiency. The aforementioned recommendations are wholeheartedly supported by the Board and we look forward to monitoring progress in implementing these recommendations.

The Board desires to work with DOC in creating some positive momentum regarding the re-entry process. As such, we are requesting a meeting with you, during August, to discuss this extremely important task in seeking to launch a major, sincere, concentrated effort by the Department to accomplish the goals and vital programs to make re-entry a reality.

Enclosed is a copy of the recently completed report "Milwaukee Today: An Occasional Report of the NAACP", which provides an excellent resource to improve incentives for the motivation of the prison population to change their lives. This could have a positive effect on the future status of the minority population of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin. Please note that the report evolves from its first pages to focus integratively on incarceration toward the end of the report.

We look forward to your response in reference to setting a date for a meeting in August.

Respectfully,
s/ R.L. McNeely
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