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John P. Nuttall, Director
State of New Jersey
Department of Corrections
Office of Employee Relations
P. O. Box 863
Trenton, NJ 08625-0863

Re: Safety Issues

Dear Mr. Nuttall,

Thank you for responding to my letter dated February 22, 2005, concerning safety and health issues. In your letter you discuss the establishment of a Joint Safety and Health Committee. You offered March 10, 23, and 24, 2005 as dates that you are available for a meeting and inquired which dates would be acceptable to us.

Since we are just establishing a safety committee at this time, I would suggest that we look at two of the dates you offered. March 10, 2005 could be used for preliminary set-up of the committee, and to identify several safety issues of emergent nature. While March 24, 2005, could be used to discuss safety and health concerns of a less emergent nature. March 24, 2005, being two weeks after our initial March 10, 2005 meeting, could also provide the opportunity for the Department to respond to our emergent safety issues identified on March 10, 2005.

In your letter, you asked that I provide "an agenda with specific issues, so that appropriate personnel can attend, to address any concerns" that we have. At this time, I think it appropriate to offer the following immediate safety and health issues as an agenda for our initial meeting on March 10, 2005:

- January 01, 2005 riot at Bayside State Prison
- Gang intelligence and dissemination
- Staff briefing and/or line-up
- STGMU at Northern State Prison
- Emergency lighting issue at South Woods State Prison and PEOSH order to comply
- Communicable disease and parasite infestation of staff

Prior to our second meeting on March 24, 2005, I will provide a more comprehensive agenda regarding our long-overlooked safety and health concerns.

By copy of this letter, please consider this as request to have the following representatives released so that they may attend the committee establishment meeting on March 10, 2005:

Jeffrey Smith	President	South Woods State Prison
Scott Derby	Executive Vice President	Bayside State Prison
John Alchevsky	Vice President	Albert Wagner Correctional Facility
Louis Hall	Treasurer	Bayside State Prison
Todd Faubert	Secretary	Mountainview Correctional Facility
Peter Cessario	Sgt-At-Arms	East Jersey State Prison

This issue remains extremely important to our membership, and we look forward to establishing the committee. Again, thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Smith, President

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