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Senator William J. Raggio Nevada State Senate 401 South Carson Street, Room 1222 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Senator Raggio:

Since becoming Director of the Nevada Department of Corrections in the summer of 2000, my energies have been focused on protecting public safety while bringing the department into the mainstream of corrections practices. With your help and the support and assistance of Governor Guinn and his staff, the Nevada Department of Corrections has made significant progress towards these ends.

Together, we have made our communities safer; however, more can and must be done. Governor Guinn has embraced the findings of the Governor's Study Committee on Corrections and has funded them in the Governor's 2004-05 budget. These recommendations acknowledged the need for transitional housing, programming and educating inmates, and operating our institutions in a safe and efficient manner.

I am pleased with the subcommittee's decision to fund at the Governor's recommended levels and I'm asking for your continued support as the full committees take up the department's budget. Together, we can make Nevada's communities safer while maximizing the department's efficient use of resources.

If you, your members, or your staff has any questions on mainstream correctional practices, our budget, transitional housing, or any other matters, please feel free to contact my offices. Again, I thank you for your service to Nevada.

Sincerely,

Jackie Crawford (

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cc: Governor Kenny Guinn

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