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Senator Patrick Colbeck
State of Michigan
P. O. Box 30036
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Dear Senator Colbeck:

I am writing today in regards to family and faith-based community access to prisons and inmates. I would like to assure you, as with all GEO-operated facilities, we have in place principles and contractual conditions which address the concerns you have raised.

We fully recognize the importance of providing meaningful opportunities for inmates to not only maintain, but strengthen family ties while incarcerated. We truly believe this assists in their reentry back in to the community when they complete their sentences. As such, the GEO Group facilitates regular interaction between inmates and families through scheduled contact visits, special visiting hours during the holidays, and video-visitation. Additionally, we have programs in some of our facilities where we video fathers reading books to their children and mail the videos to the children to view.

We have long maintained that evidence-based practices and community reentry services are essential to prevent inmates from becoming chronic offenders. We offer evidence-based programs, including faith based initiatives, much like those you have proposed with your partnerships. With those goals in mind, inmates at the Baldwin facility will have the opportunity to participate in educational and treatment programs which include Adult Literacy, Adult Basic Education, Pre-GED, GED, Life Skills, Substance Abuse and Vocational programs. These types of programs are something you will find common throughout the facilities in our organization.

We take your concerns for the operations of this facility very seriously and appreciate your input. Please know we are extending an open invitation for you to visit the Baldwin facility at any point for a tour and demonstration of how we will accomplish these common goals.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Donahue", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Donahue
Vice President