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Dear PSCOA Member:

We are continuing our work to have the General Assembly pass *and* Gov. Ed Rendell sign into law legislation that will ensure that each of our State Correctional Institutions is properly staffed. While we were successful in getting a bill passed overwhelmingly in the House, that bill (like all bills that hadn't passed both the House and Senate) died at the end of the 2004-05 legislative session. Since it is a new, two-year legislative session, we are gearing up our efforts once again, working both through government relations and media contacts to insist on action.

It is important to note that we have come very far in the legislative process. We hear you loud and clear that this is a safety concern, and we will continue to aggressively take that message to our elected representatives as well as to the public through the media. Sen. Jim Rhoades recently introduced our legislation, Senate Bill 362.

But, as any cause requires, it remains extremely important that your Senator hear from you -- our members, your relatives and friends.

Write letters, schedule meetings with and/or call your Senator and Representative. To help, we have enclosed a letter that outlines the problems and can be used as your letter, as well as separate draft letters for relatives and friends. If you personally witnessed or suffered from an incident because of understaffing, tell you elected representatives about it. Your personal experience can be a very powerful tool in getting our message across.

If you need information on your state Senator or Representative, log on to the state's Web site: www.state.pa.us. Under "Start Here" on the left, click on "Contact Your Legislators," then "Your PA Senators" or "Your PA Representatives." You can find the contact by entering your zip code in the search box. If you have any difficulty, contact PSCOA for help.

When doing letters, be sure that you and your relatives or friends sign the letters and include their addresses to show that the letter writer is a constituent living in the district of the elected official.

With your help, we can win this fight for the safety of our members and the community.

Sincerely,

Donald G. McNany
President