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 To: Richard Allen, Alabama Prison Commissioner
 From: Organizational leaders & Concerned Citizens Listed Below
 Subject: Welcome to Alabama's Prison Industry

Welcome

On behalf of the leaders and thousands of members associated with the organizations listed in this letter, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the challenging position of Alabama Prison Commissioner. We offer our hands, hearts and varied expertise in friendship and cooperation to help you in any way we can. We are delighted that you do not come to the Department of Corrections with past prison experience because the Commissioners in the past have all had previous experience in this industry and the industry is still failing its stated goals. It needs a fresh outlook and we think you, being called a man of integrity by those who know your work in the field of law, have the potential to provide just that - an untainted outlook. Changes are needed. We respectfully present our educated views to you herewith.

Views

A bare desire to harm a politically unpopular group cannot constitute a legitimate governmental interest (Department of Agriculture v Moreno, 413 U.S. 528 (1973)). Studies through the nation have determined that mens rea exists among the jailers employed by state and federal facilities. These individuals need to be investigated, properly disciplined and/or prosecuted in accordance with the laws of this land, and definitely dismissed from any position that requires control of living human beings in any type of institution (see <http://www.patrickcrusade.org/JOURNALS&ARTICLES.html> or http://www.patrickcrusade.org/Psychology_Prison_Pain.html "Psychology and The Limits to Prison Pain" a white paper written by Social Scientist Craig Haney, University of California, Santa Cruz, Published in Psychology, Public Policy, and Law, 3, 499-588 (1997).

If the Department of Corrections is currently plagued with lawsuits it is because the treatment of prisoners is causing unconstitutional death, destruction, pain and suffering, rather than corrections. Some of society's more heinous crimes are perpetrated by men and women wearing uniforms; their behavior is currently sanctioned by their bosses who report to you, the new commissioner of prisons in Alabama. Many of your current office administrators habitually cover up these crimes. One administrator in particular is named Janet Findlay who is abusive to virtually every family member who calls the DOC for help. We recommend that Ms. Findlay's activities be monitored intensely and then when you are satisfied that what we are reporting here is truthful Ms. Findlay should be invited to resign her position with the DOC forever more.

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List of Organizations Networking Together

PC is a not-for-profit organization devoted solely to two major points in the judicial system: (1) making prison institutions in this country a place of behavioral correction that would benefit society as a matter of good public policy, and (2) making the courts in this country follow constitutional law in all cases, also as a matter of good public policy.

NJCDLP is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to legal reform through litigation, galvanized by every imaginable form of advocacy that can lawfully and effectively help preserve the "rule of law" in the United States on a case by case basis.

FMI is a not-for-profit grass roots organization that focuses on the families and friends of the incarcerated who suffer needlessly when their loved ones who are in prison are abused, either physically, emotionally, spiritually, or medically. Such abuses which are currently prolific throughout the prisons in this country are not conducive to good public policy because rather than correcting errant behavior, these abuses ensure that the incarcerated become "better criminals."

TOPS is a nonprofit, faith-based organization that offers hope, without regard to race sex, creed, color or social status, to individuals and their families who suffer the effects of drug addiction, incarceration, homelessness, unemployment, hunger and illness, through comprehensive faith-based programs that provide a continuum of unconditional acceptance and care.

Conclusion

All of us hope that our very resourceful and enlightened views may be considered. Most of us have been struggling with the neglect of inmates for many years. We have also worked very diligently to inform the public and our law makers about the necessary changes that desperately need to be addressed. The overburdened, un-rehabilitative prison system in Alabama can be eradicated and replaced with a system producing lower recidivism. Any and all of us would be more than happy to help you address these issues and to share our knowledge on this very vital issue to Alabama. We not only advocate for changes to benefit the well-being of inmates but these changes would benefit the public as a whole. Welcome to the challenge of bringing Alabama prisons out of the dark ages and making corrections work!

Respectfully yours,

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