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Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Justice (Department) is committed to ensuring the safe and humane treatment of all who are in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). Department leadership is committed to rooting out and preventing employee misconduct and is deeply concerned about instances of reported and proven misconduct by BOP employees, including egregious instances of sexual misconduct.

The Office of the Deputy Attorney General has been engaged with BOP leadership to move aggressively to address misconduct, including by instituting new leadership at BOP and its facilities, and directing the U.S. Attorneys' Offices to prioritize prosecuting criminal misconduct at BOP facilities. As part of the Department's continuing efforts to address these issues, the Deputy Attorney General has convened senior Department officials to review the Department's approach to addressing sexual misconduct by BOP employees and to propose recommendations and reforms. Enclosed please find the Deputy Attorney General's Memorandum dated July 14, 2022, regarding that review. This review is just one piece of a larger effort by Department leadership to institute the systemic reforms needed to better protect the safety and security of those in BOP custody.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Hyun
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cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member

Enclosure