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VIA EMAIL

Jerry B. Adger, Director
South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services
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Columbia, South Carolina 29250

RE: Programs required for parole and release

Dear Director Adger:

As you are aware, the House Legislative Oversight Committee's Department of Corrections ad hoc subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Department of Corrections' (SCDC).

The purpose of this letter is to seek input from your office about SCDC program participation required as a prerequisite for some inmate's parole and/or release. Please respond to the questions below by Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

1. Are there situations in which an inmate is not granted parole and/or released until the inmate has completed one or more required programs?
2. If so, for each of the last three years please provide the number of different inmates to which this applied and reason(s) for the requirement.

3. Does the agency have information on the type of program each inmate was required to complete? If so, in what format could the agency provide that information to the subcommittee?
4. Does the agency obtain, have, or maintain information on whether the program was available to the inmate? If so, in what format could the agency provide that information to the subcommittee?

Additionally, the subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide. Thank you and your team for your service to the people of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Tallon Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee