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David DeVoy Chairman

Glen Waring Vice-Chairman

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May 18, 2017

Gordon MacDonald, Attorney General NH Department of Justice 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. MacDonald,

In accordance with NH RSA 30-B:12 the Belknap County Commissioners conducted an inspection of the correctional facility today.

We found no managerial deficiencies or concerns.

We notice all bunks have been replaced with newer safer models. There is a list of repairs and improvements that need to be addressed. We hope that these issues are resolved, but because of lack of funding there is no assurance that the facility will open but in any event we will not continue to use these spaces for residential purposes. Construction of the new community corrections facility is on schedule and has a tentative opening date of September 2017.

We have noted that the attic area, gym, & house of correction (old area) are unsuitable housing conditions. They are not adequately ventilated and have no temperature control. We have been advised that these areas need significant improvement or should not house inmates. We hope these issues will be resolved with opening of the new community corrections-facility-planned-for-later this-year-although-we have no assurance that adequatefunding will be appropriated. In any event we will not continue to house inmates in these areas.

Sincerely, Belknap County Commissioners:

David DeVoy, Chairman

Glen Waring, Vice-Chairman

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