

**CONNECTICUT CORRECTIONS UNITED:  
LOCAL 387, LOCAL 391, LOCAL 1565 OF COUNCIL 4 AFSCME**



March 15, 2006

Governor M. Jodi Rell  
Executive Office of the Governor  
State Capitol, 210 Capitol Ave.  
Hartford, Connecticut, 06106

Dear Gov. Rell,

Thank you for your response to our letter dated March 9, 2006, in which we asked you to authorize an independent investigation of potentially unethical and illegal conduct by the state Department of Correction.

However, we are disappointed that your letter did not result in the meeting we requested. When you took office two years ago, you met with state employee union members and pledged to keep your door open. You also urged us to bring serious concerns to your office. So again, we respectfully ask that you meet with us to address our serious concerns.

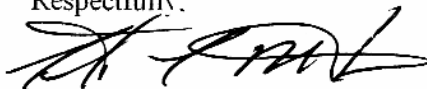
We are troubled that our members' concerns are being viewed as an afterthought. In your letter to Mr. Thigpen, the NIC Director, we quote: "In addition, the consultant **may** wish to review the concerns specifically raised by the unions." (Emphasis ours.)

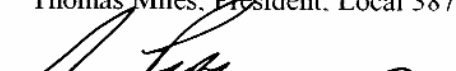
While we respect the NIC's organizational mission, an audit is not what we requested. We requested that an independent entity with law experience and authority to conduct the investigation.

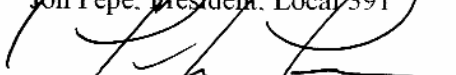
It should be noted we are also concerned with DOC Commissioner Theresa Lantz's past employment and association with the NIC (Please see attachment). The perception of a conflict of interest would have a chilling effect on our membership.

Given the extent of our concerns, we hope to sit down with you and discuss this situation further. Thank you again for your consideration and attention.

Respectfully,

  
Thomas Miles, President, Local 387

  
Jon Pepe, President, Local 391

  
Luke Leone, President, Local 1565

Cc: NP-4 Membership