

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



March 9, 2006

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

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal  
Office of the Attorney General  
55 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut, 06106

Dear Gov. Rell and Attorney General Blumenthal,

On behalf of 5,000 front-line employees within the state Department of Correction, we are asking for your intervention regarding the Department's appalling and unethical treatment of the workforce. More specifically, investigations conducted by the Security Division (DOC's Internal Affairs unit) not only violate the Department's own Administrative Directives, but are unduly influenced by upper management, including Commissioner Theresa Lantz and Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy.

Our three local unions have received numerous calls and complaints from our membership regarding these concerns. Our members are angry and fearful. They believe that some staff have been targeted (or not) based on who they are, and what relationships they have within the DOC. They also believe certain investigative actions have been driven by inappropriate acts of omission and commission by the DOC.

Our members specifically are concerned that during these investigative activities, exculpatory facts are omitted, distorted and in some cases destroyed. They are concerned that DOC investigators, at the direction of upper management, have exceeded the scope of their statutory authority while conducting investigations outside prison walls and in our communities.

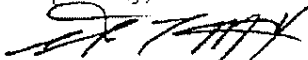
It is the position of our three locals, along with our parent union, Council 4, that an independent entity must investigate the evidence we have compiled and documented to substantiate our allegations of DOC's unethical and possibly illegal behavior.

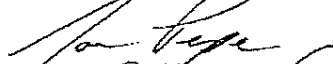
The difficulties we are experiencing with DOC mirror many of the concerns brought forward by the union representing employees at the Connecticut Department of Public Safety.


We are extremely disappointed in Commissioner Lantz's failure to respond to our concerns in a meaningful fashion. Therefore we respectfully ask that you take the bold step of launching an independent, outside investigation that will shine the disinfectant of light on DOC's harmful behavior.

We appreciate your attention to our concerns and look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible to present our documentation.

Respectfully,

  
Thomas Miles, President, Local 387

  
Jon Pepe, President, Local 391

  
Luke Leone, President, Local 1565

Cc: NP-4 Membership