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Matt Frank, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Frank:

On February 3, 2005 I received a letter from your subordinate, Rick Raemisch, which basically set a new direction in Corrections regarding staff in Community Corrections and the union that is legally certified and duty bound to represent them. I might add that this "new direction" is not positive, is confrontational and violates 12 years of good faith. It is obvious that your administration forgot that for a two-year period you continued the agreement regarding Mr. Corcoran, and in essence approved it. It is also clear to us that your actions cited in the letter and supported by the daily harassment of Mr. Corcoran and other leaders of Local 2748 show a clear anti-union animus and lack of respect for labor-management relations. That's unfortunate and will only exacerbate the current tenuous relationship. I thought a Democratic administration worked with and for labor, and did not find cheap, inane, self-serving excuses and reasons to undo years of labor-management relations.

Neither you nor your administration should seek solace in targeting Mr. Corcoran. He will survive and there will be many more leaders and members that will see the true face of this administration and step up to the plate in doing the right thing.

Lastly I find it amusing that your subordinate talks about restoring "equity in the treatment of WSEU local presidents and ensure the terms of the collective bargaining agreement...consistent with the parties' intent". Unfortunately he knows little or nothing about either.

Sincerely,

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