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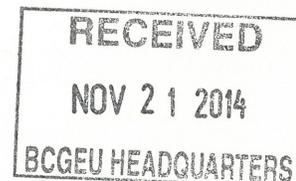


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Stephanie Smith, President
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Dear President Smith:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, requesting information about the release of my report as required by my mandate letter. It was also a pleasure to meet you today, when we discussed this issue.

I want to assure you that I toured every provincial correctional facility, consulted fully with BC Corrections officials, including your members, and met with numerous stakeholders. My report was submitted in June as required.

Because I want the recommendations to be integrated into government policy, a process of internal negotiation followed the submission of my report. I adjusted my recommendations to ensure that they are practical and achievable. The report is now undergoing the normal process of approval, and should be ready to release soon. I do apologize for the delay.

I appreciate your interest in my report, and I share your concern for the welfare of your members. Hopefully the report will have a positive impact on their safety. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,


Laurie Throness

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October 22, 2014

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Dear Mr. Throness

I am writing to you regarding the report you were asked to prepare for the Premier on safety issues in provincial correctional centres.

I understand the report was due June 30, 2014 but has obviously been delayed.

I am interested in knowing if your report has been completed and when it might be released.

As you know, the BCGEU represents Correctional Officers in provincial centres around the province, and we have an ongoing interest in the safety of our facilities.

I would be more than pleased to make arrangements to meet and review your report. If you are interested in such an opportunity your staff can contact my assistant, Brian Gardiner, at (604) 291-9611 or by e-mail: brian.gardiner@bcgeu.ca

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Smith".

Stephanie Smith
President

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