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General Public and Private Sector Employees and Special Services Employees in King and Pierce Counties and Employees of the State of Washington

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Mr. Bernard Warner, Secretary
Department of Corrections, Prisons Division
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Via E-Mail Transmittal
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**Re: State of Washington Department of Corrections
Transfer of Inmates / Private Prison Contract(s)**

Dear Secretary Warner:

Thank you for providing the Union with the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) and GEO Group (GEO) contracts. If the Department of Corrections (DOC) at any time intends to transfer any Washington inmate to any facility not directly operated by DOC in Washington State (including without limitation any GEO or CCA facility), the Union expects DOC to provide us with advanced notice and a meaningful opportunity to bargain before any such transfer occurs as any such transfers may be a mandatory subject of bargaining and/or impact mandatory subjects of bargaining with respect to bargaining unit employees.

In addition, the Union expressly reserves its right to assert contractual or other legal claims to the extent the transfer of the work associated with confining and supervising Washington State inmates would constitute a violation of our collective bargaining agreement and/or the law.

Sincerely,

Michelle Woodrow
President and Director of Corrections & Law Enforcement
Teamsters Local 117

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cc: Dan Pacholke, Deputy Secretary, Prisons Division (DOC) **Via E-Mail Only**
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