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Re: Governor's Committee on Corrections Facilities

Dear Assistant Deputy Secretary Downing and Mr. Robert Hoffman,

We, as legislative members of the Governor's Committee on Corrections Facilities, are writing to request that our offices receive the comprehensive, long-range facilities master plan that the committee retained a consultant to produce by December 15, 2018.

Governor Walker signed 2017 Act 59, which created a corrections facilities planning committee, and we as legislative members of the committee are charged with ensuring that the development of the comprehensive, long-range master plan concerning the Department of Corrections facilities comes to fruition.

The Department of Corrections is responsible for the health, safety, and treatment of approximately 23,000 inmates and releases between 8000 and 9000 individuals back in to Wisconsin's communities every year. It is of paramount importance, to both this Committee and the Legislature as a whole, that we are doing our part to deliver the services and supports these individuals need to reintegrate successfully. Ensuring that our correctional facilities are able to serve the inmates well is a vital piece of guaranteeing we are giving inmates a fair shot at reintegration in to society.

Committee members have spent considerable time touring correctional facilities, considering the changing inmate population, reviewing staffing needs and availability, and selecting a consultant to develop a facilities master plan.

The Committee was told we could expect to receive the consultant's report by October and still have not received a report. Given the state's investment of \$600,000 in producing said report, the legislative Committee members feel we should have the opportunity to review the report in a timely manner.

We look forward to receiving a response regarding the report and when committee members can expect to receive a copy.

Sincerely,



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