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Elisabeth Kingsbury, Acting Director
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Dear Acting Director Kingsbury:

Thank you for sharing a draft of the Office of the Corrections Ombuds Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report. As I have mentioned before, the oversight your office provides makes the Department of Corrections better.

Operating prisons is challenging work. Our staff not only provides opportunities for people to become better neighbors upon release, but they also are required to manage the risks presented by individuals who choose to engage in violence and other dangerous behaviors while incarcerated. Having an independent agency available to investigate claims of mistreatment helps ensure we are abiding by policy and living up to our commitment to operate a safe and humane corrections system.

Moving forward, the Department of Corrections is committed to working through the recommendations identified in the report. It is important to us that the report reflect the efforts made to adopt and implement Office of the Corrections Ombuds recommendations, even if the recommendation is identified as “in progress” or “unresolved.” I understand our teams are coming together to provide clarity in that regard, so that we may share meaningful updates and realign the recommendations to allow for measurable endings and completions.

Thank you for the time and effort your office continues to commit to the incarcerated population and the community.

Sincerely,

Tim Lang
Secretary

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