

January 14, 2020

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Dear Ms. Carns:

The Washington Department of Corrections appreciates the opportunity to respond to the report and recommendations from the collaborative Washington Department of Corrections, the Office of Corrections Ombuds, and Disability Rights Washington 'Grievance Procedure Workgroup.'

The Department of Corrections would like to thank the workgroup for the detailed and thoughtful analysis of the grievance procedures and welcomes the recommended forward steps provided in the report. The agency is committed to providing an action plan by January 31, 2020 for the next steps.

Sincerely.

Steve Sinclair, Secretary

Washington Department of Corrections