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Aloha Frank!

Enclosed please find your copy of the letter I wrote today to Warden Sequeira asking permission for the Women's Legislative Caucus to go to WCCC on Tuesday, August 30th to present their information on cervical cancer to the women.

I am also enclosing a copy of an anonymous letter I received today from Brush. I generally don't give credence to anonymous letters, but this is not not the first time I've heard about problems with the water at Otter Creek. I've heard from a few sources now that there was an e-coli outbreak there. A bacterial outbreak of e-coli is very serious and would affect everything in the prison including laundry, dishes, food preparation, etc.

I have also enclosed some information I have downloaded from the Kentucky Department of Corrections website and an article from Kentucky.com about Otter Creek being refitted to house women. On page 3 of the Kentucky DOC printout there is information and a picture of Joyce Arnold, the Warden of Otter Creek. As I mentioned to you on the phone last week, I am concerned because of information I have received from a former employee of Gadsden Prison in Tallahassee, Florida. Joyce Arnold was apparently aware of sexual assaults going on at Gadsden and chose to ignore them rather than investigate. This gives me great cause for concern since our women have been through so much already. They have been moved around like chess pieces and have suffered retaliation for the misdoings of the staff at Brush.

I share this with you, Frank, because these issues are serious and since we are in the final round of negotiations, I want to make sure that these issues are addressed and resolved up front. I will continue to share what I know from my numerous national contacts. Mahalo nui loa.

Me ke aloha,

Kat Brady
Coordinator