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Dear Mr. Isaac:

This letter is in response to the inspection report regarding the May 2, 2018, visit to a Bureau of Prisons privately contracted Residential Reentry Center (RRC or halfway house), Fairview, Reynolds and Associates, Inc. The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) recognizes the value of the Corrections Information Council (CIC) inspections of its contract facilities and the voice it provides the D.C. Superior Court inmates. We hope to continue working closely to improve the contracts and raise awareness with regard to those inmates' needs. I offer the following response to the recommendations in the report:

The report recommends the Court explore Fairview placements as an alternative to detaining certain individuals who are pretrial, on probation, or who have had their probation revoked, and would otherwise serve time in the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF).

Response: While the BOP is open to the Court using Fairview as an alternative to detaining certain individuals who are pretrial, on probation, or who have had their probation revoked, and would otherwise serve time in the CTF, the BOP does not have the authority to determine court actions. However, the BOP, Courts and Fairview can continue to work together to meet the needs of those individuals.

The report recommends the Department of Corrections (DOC) review its halfway house referral process, to ensure the process identifies candidates for placement and is a tool and resource that DOC case managers are actually using.

Response: The BOP does not have the authority to implement RRC referral procedures or tools for DOC staff. The BOP will defer to the DOC for a response to this

recommendation.

The report states Fairview staff reported that 83% of residents were employed or in programs at the time of the inspection. There seemed to be a more poignant need for housing opportunities for women who are post release. Creating housing opportunities is a larger community task, as opposed to the sole responsibility of Fairview, BOP, or the DOC. The report recommends additional housing opportunities are needed for returning women, because it is crucial to their survival and stability helps them maintain employment opportunities.

Response: Housing can be a challenge for offenders releasing to the Washington, DC Metro area, due to high demand and shortage of suitable housing. Individuals in need of housing assistance must meet local, state and/or federal requirements and may subsequently be placed on a waiting list until housing becomes available. Furthermore, staff at Fairview work closely with Community Family Life Services, Catholic Charities and the Mayor's Office on Returning Citizens Affairs (MORCA) to assist offenders in securing housing prior to their release.

The report recommends Fairview staff review facility practices to ensure residents are generally being provided with opportunities for recreation outside of the facility.

Response: Residents at Fairview are allowed to request two hours of recreation outside the facility per day. Residents may be afforded a pass to use the Rosedale Recreation Center which is approximately three blocks from the RRC facility. The majority of the residents take advantage of the free recreational programs offered by the recreation center.

I appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comments on your inspection reports of Fairview RRC.

Please contact me at (202)353-3646, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Brewer", with a large, stylized initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Brewer, Administrator
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