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Re: Correspondence Dated April 9, 2008

Presidents Brzdek and Derby:

I am in receipt of your recent correspondence dated April 9, 2008, concerning the subject of Prison Privatization. I must admit that I was somewhat surprised by the tone of your letter. Considering that we have toiled side-by-side on issues affecting our respective memberships' over many years, I was puzzled that I was addressed as if we had never met and that I had no knowledge of the issues described in your letter. In any event, your letter requested that my union consider joining your coalition, and this letter will serve to address that request.

When first reading your letter I assumed that you were referring to the coalition that was formed several years ago to address many employment issues that all of our respective unions faced. Even though the history of our coalition has had times of uncertainty, I was hopeful that the new Executive Boards of all of the unions were going to help in solidifying the coalition. However, this calendar year has seen the essential dissolution of the coalition for reasons yet unknown to me. Our last two scheduled meetings were cancelled with no specific reasons provided, or with no alternate dates set.

As I reread your letter, it came to my attention that your two logos were atop the letterhead, with the heading of "State Law Enforcement Coalition for Safe Neighborhoods." So I must assume that your new coalition is being formed to simply address the specific issues cited in your letter.

Whether the coalition's purpose is to address the specific issues described in your letter, or whether the coalition will function to collectively address other issues of concern for our memberships', please know that we are, as we have always been, interested in forming and maintaining an active and cohesive coalition. We have been completely committed to past coalitions, and understand the importance and possibilities of maintaining such a group.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss the details of membership in any such coalition. At your convenience, please provide some dates that we could all sit and discuss the details of the coalition and embark on our collective mission. I look forward to hearing from you.

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