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Frank W. Haines
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Dear Mr. Haines:

Please find the Department of Corrections' response to a question raised by Senator Thompson of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Senator Thompson:

Question: *Interest has been expressed in allowing State sentenced prison inmates to vote. What difficulties in implementation, if any, does the department foresee if this initiative were to go forward?*

Response: Until specific details are presented, the Department is unable at this time to determine the impact if state sentenced prison inmates were allowed to vote.

Currently, as statutorily required as per NJSA30:1B-6.1, within the Fair Release and Reentry Act (FRARA), the Department currently provides voter registration material within the FRARA packet to all soon-to-be-released offenders (max-outs and parolees). All offenders receive a paper copy of the voter's registration form and it is also on the CD-ROM within the FRARA packet, as well as on the website. These forms are available in both English and Spanish.

Should you have need for additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus O. Hicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a distinct "H".

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