January 12, 2006

Honorable Joseph J. Roberts, Jr.
Brooklawn Shopping Plaza
Route 130, South & Browning Road
Brooklawn, New Jersey 08030

Dear Assemblyman Roberts:

In accordance with the provisions of Assembly Resolution No. 240, I am reporting the progress of the Assembly Prison Gang Violence Task Force, which was established Resolution to study security and safety in State correctional facilities.

The Prison Gang Violence Task Force has met twice to date. The first meeting was held on September 27, 2005 in Millville City Hall, Millville, New Jersey. The task force discussed training of State corrections employees, including corrections officers, on gang violence and related issues.

The second meeting of the task force was held on January 12, 2006 in the State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey. The task force discussed communications and intelligence gathering in State correctional facilities.

The task force plans to hold a third meeting in northern New Jersey, possibly in March or April 2006.

A final report, including legislative findings and recommendations, will be issued in September 2006 in accordance with section 6 of Assembly Resolution No. 240.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew
Chairman
Assembly Prison Gang Violence Task Force

cc: Legislative Information and Bill Room