



BY EMAIL

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Honourable Ralph Goodale
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Mr. Minister,

On behalf of all 7400 members of the *Union of Canadian Correctional Officers – Syndicat des agents correctionnels canadiens – CSN* (UCCO-SACC-CSN), please allow me to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

We were relieved and encouraged by the election campaign commitment made by the Liberal Party of Canada to consult with stakeholders prior to making decisions. As we have read the mandate letter that you received from the Prime Minister, we seek to meet with you to discuss issues within your mandate that are of concern to us. In particular, we wish to discuss: segregation, the management of inmates with mental health problems, mandatory minimum sentencing laws and the recognition of correctional officers as public safety officers, namely with respect to the increased risk of suffering post-traumatic stress disorder. Misters Jason Godin, UCCO-SACC-CSN's 2nd Vice-president, Michel Bouchard, CSN coordinator, and I would participate in this meeting.

As you probably know, we have met with you and your predecessors on several occasions in the past. These meetings enabled us to exchange perspectives on the smooth functioning of our prisons, as well as on some of the problems encountered by correctional officers in their daily routines.

We look forward to meeting with you in the very near future.

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