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Jason Godin, National President  
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Dear Mr. Godin,

September 20, 2018

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Prison Needle Exchange Program. I am disheartened that the Correctional Service of Canada did not consult the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers regarding this serious issue.

I share your concerns regarding this program. I realize that while illegal drugs do make their way into our prison system that does not mean that Correctional Officers should be obligated to stand by as prisoners are encouraged to participate in illegal activity. The purpose of prison is to punish offenders for their illegal acts, not to encourage them to continue in detrimental offenses.

The solution to this epidemic is not to turn a blind eye, but to effectively enforce Corrections Canada's zero tolerance policy. The first and foremost role of a Government is to keep its citizens safe; not focusing on making criminals' lives more comfortable.

I look forward to meeting with you in the days ahead to discuss your concerns more fully.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harold Albrecht".

Harold Albrecht, MP  
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