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COMMISSIONER

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Ms. Allison Neal
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SUBJECT: HIV Positive Inmates

Dear Ms. Neal:

As a result of your letter dated September 28, 2007, I directed my staff to conduct a review of our policy and procedures for the care and custody of HIV positive inmates.

It is true that HIV positive inmates are not considered for community custody. This policy is based primarily on the fact that our work release centers do not have health care facilities to provide for the special needs of HIV positive inmates.

In regard to your concerns as to ADOC providing equal access to visitation, educational, treatment, and religious services to HIV positive inmates, be advised as of October 15, 2007, HIV positive inmates have been integrated into these activities with general population inmates.

Due to logistical reasons and space limitations, the HIV positive male inmates located at Limestone Correctional Facility are fed in their living area, however the HIV positive inmates at Tutwiler Prison for Women are fed in the dining hall.

The ADOC mission is to provide a safe and humane environment for all inmates in our custody. Let me assure that we will continue to meet our mission.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Allen
Commissioner

CC: Senator Hank Sanders
Representative Laura Hall