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Dear Allison,

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How are you doing? We would like to respond to the article that was printed in the Montgomery Advertiser on Saturday November 3, 2007. We would like to correct them on a few of the things that were said. About medical care, the care here is substandard. We are basically self-educated about our medications and it is our place to inform the nurses when and how our medication is to be given. If we did not know about our medication, there are many times that it would be administered incorrectly, or we would be given the incorrect dose. So by them saying that we have specific medical care that is untrue. The state doesn't provide any different or specific dietary needs. We are served the same food that population inmates are served. As far as our so called rest period, we do not have any rest period other than when we go to bed at night. Before the integration policy ever took place, we were informed by Warden [REDACTED] that we are to get up at 5:30 a.m. and to remain up for the remainder of the day. He also said that we are not any different from population when it comes to laying down in the dorm. In fact he ordered Officer [REDACTED] to write [REDACTED] a disciplinary for being in the bed when he came in to the dorm at 6:30 a.m., and she was not up. Most of the women in here only wanted to lie down because they have nothing else to do. It has nothing to do with needing rest. We feel that when the commissioner realizes that we are to obtain a job when we are released and we have house holds to run with kids, things will be a lot better.

I have enclosed a letter that was sent to [REDACTED] that says she is not eligible for the Community Corrections program because of her health status, which is HIV positive. There is also a copy of the memo that I tried to bring to you on our attorney visit. We all want to thank you and the rest of the staff for everything that you have done for us. We feel much more comfortable with the situation now then we did a month ago. We know there is a long road ahead of us and that we will always face some kind of stigma and discrimination in the system, but we all have hopes that this will all soon change with your help. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

The Women of Dormitory E