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Dear Senator Carroll:

On behalf of the Colorado Department of Corrections, I would like to thank you for your including and incorporating the concerns and input of our agency in to your redrafted SB11-176. As was discussed at your recent meeting the new DOC Executive Director, Tom Clements, has requested technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections regarding a study and revalidation of DOC's entire classification system. Obviously, this will include a detailed analysis of the use of Administrative Segregation.

The latest version of your strike-below amendment, L006, will incorporate changes and direction that DOC feels it can implement, while leaving the external reclassification analysis unencumbered to make necessary conclusions and recommendations. Like you, we are anxious to receive and incorporate the results of the study, and anticipate that it will lead the agency in directions that all of us will embrace.

Upon adoption of the last version of your strike-below amendment L006, including the recently revised 90-day permissive earned time threshold, the Colorado Department of Corrections will gladly be added to those in **SUPPORT** of your amended SB11-176.

If I can be of additional assistance in this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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