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Mr. Michael D. Wendling  
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Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan  
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RE: Officer/ Staff Assaults

Dear Mr. Wendling,

The Michigan Corrections Organization (MCO) proudly represents nearly 7,000 state Corrections Officers and Forensic Security Assistants working inside Michigan's prisons and prisoner psychiatric facilities.

As the voice of those professionals, I would like to make you aware that MCO is embarking on a campaign to bring attention to and stop a vile form of inmate on staff assault that puts officers in extreme danger.

In particular, we are focusing on occurrences involving the "dressing out" of an officer by which an inmate throws urine, blood, feces or other unknown substances onto an employee as they perform their duties.

This revolting act leaves officers feeling extremely violated and exposes them to a number of uncertain questions regarding disease and infection. In some cases, the officers are told to go home and change and return to work, while others are forced to begin medical treatment because of potential exposure.

As corrections professionals we feel this type of behavior should not be tolerated and those engaging in such acts should be prosecuted aggressively.

It is our hope that PAAM would support us on this issue and I would love to meet with you in person to discuss things further. If you have any questions you can contact me at 517-485-3310 ext. 125, otherwise, I will follow up with your office next week.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Tripp  
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