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Senator Jim Shockley, Chairman
Law and Justice Interim Committee
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Dear Senator Shockley,

When I talked to the Law and Justice Interim Committee on September 9th, I reported that an inmate at CCC had a bulging hernia which I had heard needed medical attention, but was not receiving any treatment. Bob Anez answered that "they were aware of one inmate with a hernia." He also said that "the case has been reviewed by the department's medical director and the inmate is being treated in accordance with a physician's orders." I am wondering if this department medical director is a medical doctor?

A few days ago I received the enclosed photographs of Ronny Harriman, the inmate with the hernia. These photographs were sent to me along with a Petition for Writ of Mandate that was filed in Powell County by Attorney Patrick F. Flaherty, and a copy of Dr. Rohrer's letter documenting "this very serious medical condition."

I also talked with Attorney Flaherty and learned that the inmate's father, who is on limited monies, hired Mr. Flaherty to help get his son proper medical treatment. I also learned that the court turned down the Writ of Mandate because MSP obtained the medical director's report that did not find the hernia a problem.

Casey Rudd mentioned that an inmate died in MSP's custody of a similar problem 5 or 6 years ago.

Another inmate at CCC, Edward Scharen, has a hernia that causes much pain. He was taken to Great Falls in October 2011, but no corrective action has been taken.

Sincerely,



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