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Maine State Board of Corrections  
State House Station # 111  
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Dear Chairman Westrum and Members of the BOC:

I am writing to identify the circumstances which will be created by the "flat funding" of York County's Fiscal year 2014 jail budget. As you all know, with the chronic underfunding that we have experienced since the inception of the Board of Corrections, it has become increasingly difficult to operate Maine's county jails in compliance with the State Department of Corrections' Detention Standards and minimum staffing requirements; as well as to employ sound security practices and recommended physical plant maintenance and capital improvements.

If the York County Jail is flat funded again this year, we will experience the following consequences:

1. Eliminate five (5) Corrections Officer positions and close a thirty-two (32) bed housing unit;
2. Eliminate the third caseworker position from Maine Pretrial Services (added during the FY 13 budget), resulting in an increase to the jail's population;
3. Defer replacement of five internal security cameras, which are currently off line;
4. Eliminate substance abuse programs within the jail;

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M.B. Vitiello".

Lieutenant Colonel Michael B. Vitiello, CJM  
Jail Superintendent