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Senator Stanley J. Gerzofsky
Representative Anne Haskell
All members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
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Subject: Delay in SSCPCC reporting - until March

Dear Senator Gerzofsky, Representative Haskell, and Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide your committee with an update of our progress to conduct continuous study and coordination of corrections and sentencing practices. The Council is newly formed this year and has met a total of six times.

The Council has come to a consensus from their meetings to host a forum on the concept of re-sentencing and sentencing alternatives, including expanded supervised community confinement for those who have served long sentences and have been rehabilitated, as well as placements for the elderly and very ill in Maine prisons. This forum will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Florian Hall at the Central Maine Commerce Center, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta. The stakeholders that will be invited will include:

- Victims
- Offenders
- Judiciary
- Prosecutors
- Defense lawyers
- Law enforcement
- Clergy and Community Stakeholders

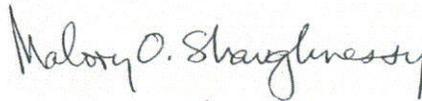
The Council would like to include the findings from the forum in their annual report to you. Therefore, the Council is asking to postpone their report for January 15, 2010 until mid-March.

Senator Stan Gerzofsky
Representative Anne Haskell
Members, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
December 30, 2009
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The Council is looking forward to its continued work and will be providing the committee with additional updates on their progress.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you should have any questions at all, please feel free to give me a call at 207-400-1540.

Sincerely,



Malory Shaughnessy
SSCPCC Chair
Cumberland County Commissioner

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