

FY 2015 List of Certification and Assurance Submissions

On March 5, 2015, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Karol V. Mason, and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Principal Deputy Director, Bea Hanson, sent letters to the nation's state and territorial Governors and the Mayor of the District of Columbia on behalf of the Department of Justice (DOJ) explaining their responsibilities related to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in FY 2015. State Administering Authorities for OJP and OVW grant programs, and Governors' Criminal Justice Policy Advisors were copied on this letter. The deadline for the FY 2015 PREA Certifications and Assurances was Friday, May 15, 2015.

DOJ is very encouraged by the PREA implementation efforts that are underway nationwide. Below is a list of jurisdictions that submitted Certifications and Assurances. Also appended to this list is a compilation of all Certification and Assurance documents submitted by states, territories, and the District of Columbia

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**FY 2015 Certification and Assurance
Submissions**

Alabama

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ROBERT BENTLEY
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STATE OF ALABAMA

May 15, 2015

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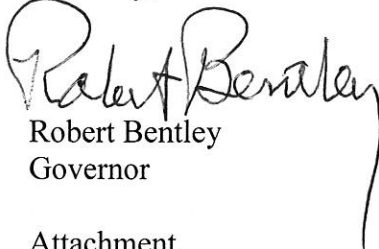
Dear Ms. Mason and Ms. Hanson:

The State of Alabama has worked diligently towards compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), striving to eliminate prison rape and sexual assault in Alabama correctional facilities.

Toward that end, audits of the state correctional facilities have been conducted or scheduled, with those facilities audited receiving a report of compliance with PREA standards. However, until all the covered facilities are audited, I certify that the State will not use less than five percent of our covered FY 2015 grant funds toward compliance efforts.

For these reasons, I return the signed Assurance, without checking Box 1 or Box 2, and attach the list of correctional facilities under the operational control of the executive branch.

Sincerely,


Robert Bentley
Governor

Attachment

**Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with
the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape**

2015

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Robert Bentley
Signature of Chief Executive

State of Alabama
Name of State/jurisdiction

Printed name of Chief Executive

Date

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American Samoa

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Arizona



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 15, 2015

Ms. Karol Mason
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Assistant Attorney General Mason,

On behalf of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, I am writing in response to your letter dated March 5, 2015, in which you request that Arizona provide either (i) a certification that Arizona is in full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards, or (ii) an assurance that the State will use not less than five percent of certain Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funds solely for the purpose of enabling the State to achieve and certify full compliance with the standards in future years.

To date, a DOJ-certified auditor has completed audits of seven Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) prison complexes and one private prison. Arizona is proud to report that all eight audits have concluded that the facilities meet all PREA standards. ADC has undertaken significant efforts to achieve this record of full PREA compliance. Specifically, ADC has:

- Hired a full-time PREA Coordinator who completed the DOJ PREA auditor training and is certified to audit adult and juvenile confinement facilities;
- Appointed select staff at facilities as PREA Compliance Managers;
- Contracted with a DOJ-certified PREA auditor to conduct audits, at a total cost to ADC of \$29,823.76;
- Coordinated rape crisis advocate training, provided by the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, to a select group of 66 staff members;
- Established a “hotline” telephone system with a private entity for inmates to call as an alternate method to report sexual abuse/sexual harassment in an anonymous manner;
- Completed Memorandums of Understandings with three rape crisis centers near prison facilities to provide advocate assistance;
- Trained and certified two additional Arizona Criminal Justice Information System (ACJIS) terminal operators to conduct background investigations of all current ADC employees and contractors at least every five years;

- Required all investigators to complete PREA training on “Conducting Sexual Abuse Investigations in Confinement Settings”;
- Scheduled audits to be completed by the PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Managers before the DOJ-certified auditor conducted audits;
- Tracked and monitored all PREA allegation investigations, and completed required Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and PREA reports;
- Provided annual PREA training to all ADC employees and contractors, and provided PREA training to all inmates;
- Updated ADC policies and procedures to meet PREA standards, including without limitation, (1) a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment, (2) an inmate screening procedure for those at high risk of sexual abuse, (3) a policy of providing retaliation reviews for at least 90 days to inmate victims and those who report sexual abuse incidents, (4) a policy of providing sexual abuse incident reviews for all substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations of sexual abuse; and (5) an inmate PREA grievance procedure.

The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) has also taken significant steps to ensure PREA compliance. For example, ADJC has:

- Appointed an ADJC PREA Coordinator who develops, implements, and oversees ADJC efforts to comply with PREA standards;
- Appointed a PREA Compliance Manager to coordinate efforts to comply with the PREA standards and ensure ongoing compliance and monitoring of all PREA standards;
- Sent five ADJC staff members to DOJ training for Juvenile Facility Auditor certification to ensure that ADJC fully understood what was required for the audit, at a cost to ADJC of approximately \$6,000.00;
- Installed a private telephone in the Health Unit dedicated for youth to report instances of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, one method of which would be to contact the confidential Arizona Department of Child Safety hotline;
- Created 12 PREA posters as part of an ongoing campaign against sexual abuse and sexual violence, and granted the National PREA Resource Center permission to share these posters as models for the field. The posters are now available to others on the National PREA Resource Center for download and use;
- Created a PREA video to demonstrate how ADJC (1) uses the posters to expand awareness of PREA, and (2) uses the posters as a tool for discussing ADJC’s zero-tolerance standard for sexual abuse and sexual harassment with youth in group settings;
- Created a PREA brochure that is provided to youth upon commitment to ADJC custody, and which educates youth on how to identify abuse, how to stay safe, how to report abuse, and what to do if abuse occurs;
- Conducted on-site reviews of policies, practices, and procedures, and updated ADJC policies and procedures in light of new PREA standards;
- Finalized a comprehensive ADJC PREA Policy and revised 23 other agency policies to ensure strict compliance with PREA standards;

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May 15, 2015

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- Modified and enhanced current systems and processes to comply with PREA standards and prepare for the PREA audit; and
- Tracked progress to identify the current status of ADJC compliance, what actions (if any) were needed to comply with PREA, and the progress being made towards compliance.

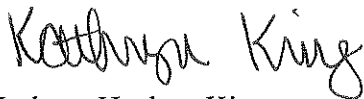
In determining whether Arizona is in full compliance with PREA, the federal regulations state that “the Governor shall consider the results of the most recent agency audits.” 28 C.F.R. § 115.501(a). The recent audits of ADC facilities demonstrate that ADC is in full compliance with the PREA standards. With respect to ADJC, it is our belief that ADJC is in compliance with PREA. Nonetheless, an audit of the ADJC facility is scheduled in just two weeks (from June 1-5). Because of this upcoming audit, we requested a brief extension of time from Peter Brian, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, to respond to DOJ, but Mr. Brian stated that such an extension could not be granted.

While we believe that Arizona is in compliance with PREA, we need to be able to review the results of the June 2015 ADJC audit before determining if we can certify that Arizona is in full compliance. This is a prudent and reasonable approach given that the certification states, under penalty of “criminal prosecution,” that as of “the date of signature of this certification (in no case later than May 15, 2015), the State/jurisdiction named below has adopted, and is in full compliance with, the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape, 28 C.F.R. Part 115.”). (Emphasis added.) To that end, we will review the results of the upcoming ADJC audit and submit a certification or assurance form to DOJ if we are able to do so at that time.

Similarly, we cannot submit an assurance at this time. The assurance form states that Arizona “will use not less than 5 percent of its covered DOJ grant funds for FY2015 to . . . achieve full compliance with” PREA. Because we believe that Arizona is in compliance with PREA, the use of these funds in this manner is simply not necessary at this time. Therefore, an assurance form is not appropriate.

This State is committed to reducing sexual abuse in our correctional facilities. Please let us know if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Hackett King
Deputy General Counsel
Office of Governor Doug Ducey



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 26, 2015

The Office of the General Counsel
Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW, Room 5400
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Assistant Attorney General Mason:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 28, 2015 regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA"). Your letter invites Arizona to submit an appeal of the Department of Justice's ("DOJ") decision that Arizona will lose five percent of certain DOJ grant funds for FY 2015. We submit this appeal, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Part 18, because Arizona is in full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA"). Enclosed is a certification, signed by Governor Doug Ducey, stating that Arizona is in compliance with the PREA standards.

As explained in my May 15, 2015 letter to you, all audits completed to date of Arizona Department of Corrections ("ADC") facilities have concluded that the facilities meet all PREA standards. At the time I submitted that letter, an audit of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections ("ADJC") facility was scheduled in just two weeks. While we believed Arizona was in compliance with PREA at the time, we needed the results of the June 2015 ADJC audit report before determining if we could certify that Arizona was in full compliance. Therefore, we were unable to submit a certification form at that time. Similarly, we did not submit an assurance form. The assurance form states that Arizona "will use not less than 5 percent of its covered DOJ grant funds for FY 2015 to . . . achieve full compliance with" PREA. Because we believed Arizona was in compliance with PREA, the use of those funds in that manner was simply not necessary. At the conclusion of my May 15 letter, I stated that Arizona would review the results of the upcoming ADJC audit and submit a certification or assurance form to DOJ if we are able to do so at that time.

The Office of Governor Doug Ducey reports that the recent ADJC audit, dated June 5, 2015, concluded that ADJC is in full compliance with PREA. For that reason, I have enclosed Governor Ducey's signed certification that Arizona is in full compliance with the PREA standards.

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In your May 28 letter, you notified us that we may file an appeal and stated that “one factual basis for an appeal may be the subsequent decision by the Governor to actually submit either a certification or an assurance, in which case, a signed certification or assurance should accompany the appeal document.” This letter is an appeal of DOJ’s decision that Arizona will lose five percent of certain DOJ grant funds that it would otherwise receive in FY 2015 for not submitting a PREA assurance or certification by May 15. The factual basis for this appeal is that Governor Ducey has now been able to certify – based on the results of the June 2015 ADJC audit – that Arizona is in full compliance with PREA standards. See enclosed signed certification form. For this reason, we respectfully request that the DOJ reverse its determination to withhold five percent of Arizona’s DOJ grant funds.

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 18.5, we do not believe an oral hearing is necessary. If DOJ would like additional information, we request to submit such information to a hearing officer in written format, if necessary.

Please let us know if you have any questions or request further information regarding this appeal.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Hackett King
Deputy General Counsel
Office of Governor Doug Ducey

Enclosure

cc: Office of General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue NW, Room 1268, Washington, DC 20531

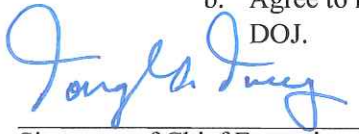
**Certification Regarding Adoption and Full Compliance with
the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape
2015**

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §15607(e)(2), I certify to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ):

As the date of signature of this certification (in no case later than May 15, 2015), the State/jurisdiction named below has adopted, and is in full compliance with, the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape, 28 C.F.R. Part 115.

If, after the date of signature of this certification, credible information should come to the attention of the undersigned (or his or her successor) that casts reasonable doubt on the accuracy of this certification as of the date of signature, the same shall conduct a reassessment and determine whether this certification was accurate as of the date of signature. If the certification is determined not to have been accurate, the undersigned or a designee will:

1. Within 15 days, notify DOJ via the email address below of the existence of the inaccuracy; and
2. Within 15 days of providing such notice,
 - a. Submit an Assurance signed by the Chief Executive (using the form provided by DOJ) indicating that the State/jurisdiction will expend not less than 5% of its covered DOJ grant funds for FY 2015 to adopt, and achieve full compliance with, the National Prison Rape Standards (28 C.F.R Part 115), so as to ensure that a certification may be submitted in future years; or
 - b. Agree to return 5% of its covered DOJ grant funds for FY 2015 as calculated by DOJ.


Signature of Chief Executive

Douglas Ducey
Printed name of Chief Executive

ARIZONA
Name of State/jurisdiction

June 26, 2015
Date

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Arkansas

May 15, 2015

Karol Mason
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs

Bea Hanson
Principal Deputy Director
Office on Violence Against Women
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Mason and Ms. Hanson,

Despite progress toward compliance with the National PREA Standards and Arkansas's continued commitment to eliminating sexual abuse in its correctional facilities, I cannot, by May 15, 2015, certify that Arkansas is in full compliance with the standards, or submit an assurance of future compliance.

Arkansas has a zero-tolerance policy toward sexual abuse in its adult and juvenile correctional facilities and has continued to achieve a low incidence of sexual assault and harassment by implementing the National PREA Standards. The Arkansas Community Correction Department ("ACC"), for example, has implemented the standards applicable to community correction facilities as they interpret those standards and, subject to audit, they believe they would be in full compliance.

The Arkansas Department of Correction ("ADC") has been training in PREA standards since the law was enacted in 2003, and has implemented several of the standards related to prevention planning, responsive planning, training and education, risk assessment screening, reporting, official response to incidents, and discipline. The ADC cannot fully comply with the limits to cross-gender viewing and searches found in 28 C.F.R. § 115.15, due in part to the terms of a settlement in United States v. Arkansas, a gender discrimination lawsuit filed on behalf of female corrections officers whose duties and opportunities for advancement in male institutions had been limited in male housing units.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services' Division of Youth Services ("DYS"), is currently in process of implementing both agency-level and facility PREA Coordinators, 24-hour reporting access for persons in DYS custody, procedures to investigate allegations of rape and sexual abuse, and methods to identify and separate potential sexual offense victims and perpetrators in its juvenile detention facilities. Although DYS is not fully in compliance with the PREA standards, the agency will continue to support and implement PREA best practices.

While I cannot presently certify full compliance with the National PREA Standards, or submit an assurance of future compliance, Arkansas remains committed to eliminating sexual abuse in its correctional facilities and will continue to diligently implement, as fully as possible, the policies of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

California

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May 8, 2015

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of the Assistant Attorney General
ATTN: Karol V. Mason, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

Enclosed you will find a signed assurance that California will utilize Department of Justice (DOJ) grants to help it achieve compliance with the National Standards to prevent, detect, and respond to prison rape, which you requested on March 5, 2015. California remains committed to the elimination of prison rape and to the goals of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA).

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has been working diligently to comply with the mandates of PREA since the final rules were promulgated by the U.S. DOJ in 2012. CDCR has modified and developed regulations and policies to meet the PREA National Standards. For adult institutions, staff training has been developed and training of master trainers has been completed. CDCR expects to have all mandatory staff training for adult institutions completed by June 30, 2015. For facilities within the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), staff training has been developed, and it is expected training will begin early next fiscal year.

While California is not yet in full compliance with all of the National Standards, we have completed a significant amount of work that demonstrates our commitment to the goals of PREA. As you know, Congress intended that states would have two years from completion of the National Standards before being asked to certify compliance with the mandates of the Act. Unfortunately, despite the fact that PREA was enacted by Congress in 2003, the DOJ was delayed in finalizing the rules for auditing state compliance with the National Standards. This late start to establishing the standards, audit tools, and auditors through which states would be held accountable is problematic for California. Depending on how the auditors ultimately apply and interpret these rules, some of the National Standards may be found to be inconsistent with existing California law.

California is not alone in experiencing obstacles to achieving full compliance. We understand that other states believe that the timeframes and expectations are not reasonable and they, too, are unable to certify full compliance at this time. It is also my

The Honorable Loretta Lynch

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understanding that even federally operated facilities are not in full compliance with PREA. Despite these challenges, California is committed to the goals of PREA, and will use the DOJ grant funds to help us achieve compliance to the greatest extent possible. We hope that while states implement PREA, the federal government will continue to further refine the National Standards and give states such as California needed flexibility in meeting the goals of PREA while satisfying legitimate penological objectives.

I remain committed to the spirit and intent of PREA. However, I urge you to consider changes to the timeframes that have been imposed on states that are making good-faith efforts to comply. I welcome any opportunity to work with you as we move toward our shared goal of eliminating prison rape.

Sincerely,



JEFFREY A. BEARD, Ph.D.
Secretary

Enclosure

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the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape**

2015


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Signature of Chief Executive

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Printed name of Chief Executive

California
Name of State/jurisdiction

5/12/15
Date

This form must be received by the Department of Justice, PREA Management Office, by May 15, 2015. A signed, electronic version of this form may be sent to: PREACompliance@usdoj.gov.

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Colorado

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2015

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Signature of Chief Executive

Colorado

Name of State/jurisdiction

John Hickenlooper

Printed name of Chief Executive

April 30, 2015

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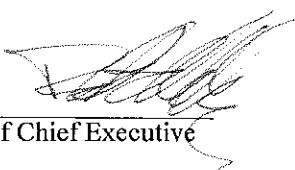
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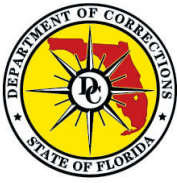
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Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Program
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Washington, D.C. 20531

Ms. Bea Hanson
Principal Deputy Director
Office of Violence Against Women

Dear Ms. Mason and Deputy Director Hanson:

In response to your letter dated March 5, 2015, the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) are addressing the findings from Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audits being conducted at facilities throughout Florida. Regardless of access to federal grant funding, Florida will continue to progress towards full compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape.

Florida does not need federal dollars to ensure the safety of our inmate population but will continue to meet and exceed the standards set forth in the PREA to serve as a national leader in correctional policy and practice.

Florida's DOC and DJJ are currently in phase two of a three phase plan that has been established to identify and remedy inefficiencies in PREA compliance. During phase one, ten PREA audits conducted in DOC facilities resulted in consistent findings of deficiencies in video monitoring, issues with cross-gender viewing and searches and issues associated with access to emergency medical and mental health services.

Similarly, DJJ completed twenty-four audits during phase one that resulted in consistent findings of deficiencies in documentation, issues with cross-gender viewing and searches and issues associated with residential reporting of policies, procedures and documentation relating to allegations and investigations. Following these audits, the DJJ addressed all of these issues and remains fully compliant with PREA standards.

The state of Florida is committed to providing excellent care and custody in Florida's correctional facilities. My Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2015-16 is a testament to Florida's commitment to the safety and protection of inmates. Included in the recommended budget for the DOC is \$1.7 million to address security and compliance issues identified through audits completed in phase one. This funding provides \$1.5 million for video surveillance to ensure proper monitoring at all facilities, \$42,000 for gender privacy screens and \$150,000 for Sexual Abuse Response Team forensic exams. Last week, Governor Scott also signed Executive Order 15-102 to improve safety at Florida's prisons.

The first and foremost priority of the DOC and DJJ is to provide for the care, custody, and management of inmates. To that end, Florida will continue to develop innovative and strategic measures that increase the safety of our inmates through educational and preventative resources.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Jones
Secretary

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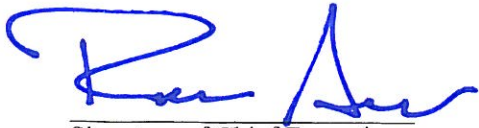
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Georgia



May 13, 2015

The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

As you may be aware, the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) requires that the Governors must certify that their respective State is in full compliance with the standards associated with 28 C.F.R. Part 115 (PREA), which took effect on August 20, 2012. These standards apply to state and local confinement facilities, categorized as Jails/Prisons, Community Confinement Facilities, Lockups, and Juvenile Facilities.

All DJJ facilities are categorized as Juvenile Facilities. The facilities types are Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDC), Youth Development Campuses (YDC), and Contract Youth Development Campus.

The agency has 27 secure facilities, 25 state and *2 private organizations that are covered under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Juvenile Facility Standards. These facilities have been or are scheduled to be audited every three years to be compliant with the PREA standards, with one third of each facility type operated by the agency, or private organization on behalf of the agency, audited each year. The audit cycle started August 20, 2013 thru August 19, 2016. *NOTE: Effective May 1, 2015, one of the privately operated facilities (Crisp RYDC), was placed under State DJJ operation. The facility was found to be compliant during the audit phase.

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice contracted with Department of Justice Certified Juvenile PREA Auditors to conduct required audits. The agency has used six (6) different Certified PREA auditors to validate DJJ PREA processes and systems from four (4) different states (Texas, Florida, Kentucky and South Carolina). Each facility was audited on 41 standards and 271 sub-standards. Exceeds are based on the complete standard. The agency has a total of 16 exceeded standards out of 41.

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Guam



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MAY 11 2015

Ms. Karol Mason
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Hafa Adai Ms. Mason:

This letter serves as written assurance that the Government of Guam will continue to work towards achieving compliance to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). It is our position that PREA implementation is imperative and beneficial to our prison system; additionally, we do not want to jeopardize grant funds that support critical programs in the territory.

While we have not implemented the standards in their entirety to a level at which we can confidently participate in an audit, the Guam Department of Corrections and the Guam Department of Youth Affairs-Youth Correctional Facility have spent the last year evaluating and assessing prison structures, personnel, policies and procedures. We have formed a PREA Committee, comprised of members from our Department of Corrections, DYA Youth Correctional Facility, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Governor's Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office, spearheaded by Guam State Clearinghouse-Office of the Lt. Governor of Guam, as overseer of public safety for the territory. We have sought the support and guidance of PREA State Coordinators, particularly from the state nearest to us, the state of Hawai'i and are involved in a circular MOU for audit purposes. We are working towards implementing the standards to the best of our collective ability.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Justice on this initiative.

Senseramente,

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Idaho



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

To promote a safer Idaho by reducing recidivism

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

KEVIN H. KEMPF
Director

Idaho Prison Rape Elimination Act Statement

May 18, 2015

The State of Idaho has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault against any incarcerated person. Safe prisons and the safety of inmates and staff are paramount. During the last year, Idaho has actively worked to enhance the safety of incarcerated persons.

The Governor's Task Force On Zero-Tolerance Of Sexual Assault Against Incarcerated Persons investigated the best way to implement the zero tolerance policy, taking into consideration the unique needs and available resources of the state. The task force worked transparently, inviting various stakeholders to participate, including Idaho's sheriffs and victims' rights organizations. This task force identified Idaho-specific standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual assault, recommending the adoption of "IPREA" standards. The IPREA standards largely mirror the federal standards, including the adoption of all current PREA standards for juvenile facilities, but also address challenges and opportunities unique to the state.

The Governor's Idaho Criminal Justice Commission recognized that one-time consideration of a set of static standards was not appropriate to address sexual assault issues. Instead, Idaho sees this as a dynamic process with changes appropriate as more information is gathered. Thus, the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission has created an on-going subcommittee specifically to monitor, review, and update the IPREA standards in the future.

In addition, the Idaho Department of Correction has identified a statewide IPREA coordinator within the Director's Office. The coordinator will update IDOC's policies to reflect appropriate national PREA standards. The agency established IPREA coordinators in warden's offices at each facility across the state, and IDOC is working closely with the PREA National Resource Center. The department will soon begin posting ongoing progress on the agency website to ensure transparency in this important process.

The Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections is responsible for managing the juveniles in state custody. Two of Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections' three facilities have been certified as one hundred percent compliant with current PREA standards, the remaining facility is being audited this week. Idaho's county juvenile facilities are also actively implementing safety measures. The Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Facility was the first juvenile facility to be audited in the country and the first facility of any type in the nation to be certified PREA compliant. Three other county facilities have now been audited and certified PREA compliant.

Idaho's goal is safe prison facilities, and this requires the effective implementation of the zero-tolerance policy. As the interpretation and accepted practices related to the federal PREA standards continues to evolve, so too does Idaho's response. Idaho will continue to focus on a pro-active, transparent, and dynamic process of identifying the best methods to prevent the sexual assault in prisons statewide.

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Trey Childress

Signature of Chief Executive

Trey Childress

Printed name of Chief Executive

Illinois

Name of State/jurisdiction

5-14-2015

Date

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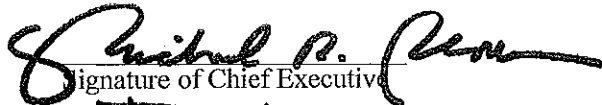
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Name of State/jurisdiction

Mike Pence
Printed name of Chief Executive
4/14/15
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Iowa



STATE OF IOWA

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR
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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
JERRY W. BARTRUFF, DIRECTOR

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Karol Mason
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Principal Deputy Director Bea Hanson
Office on Violence Against Women
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Ms. Mason and Ms. Hanson,

Iowa continues to advance the purposes and spirit of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) by achieving success in all audits of Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) prisons to-date.

In 2014, the State of Iowa and many other states were concerned with the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) plans for rigid enforcement of the PREA Standards in the face of delays in providing completed audit instruments and in training and certifying a sufficient number of auditors. However, as a result of DOJ's continued efforts to provide completed audit instruments and increased auditor training, IDOC has been able to contract with an experienced correctional auditing company. In addition, a number of IDOC employees have also become certified PREA auditors and their experience has enhanced Iowa's efforts towards compliance. For the most part, PREA is good corrections policy.

This success demonstrates Iowa's zero tolerance for sexual violence in our facilities and that prevention and detection of sexual violence are a top priority in this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry W. Bartruff".

Jerry W. Bartruff
Director
Iowa Department of Corrections

The mission of the Iowa Department of Corrections is:
To advance successful offender reentry to protect the public, staff and offenders from victimization.

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**Certification Regarding Adoption and Full Compliance with
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Signature of Chief Executive


Printed name of Chief Executive

Iowa
Name of State/jurisdiction

5-15-15
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Kansas

May 14, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003. While this well-intentioned Act seeks to prevent sexual abuse in federal, state and local lock-ups, jails and prisons, I have serious concerns with the Department of Justice's (DOJ) enforcement of compliance deadlines associated with this Act.

Failure to comply with these deadlines and make certain assurances will result in punishing states, and in the long run, the potential assault victims through the loss of much needed federal grant money. Although PREA was enacted in 2003, delays in providing states the necessary guidance to evaluate and meet statutory and regulatory requirements have effectively made compliance with the proposed deadlines impossible.

PREA requires that one-third of all state facilities be audited each year for compliance. It also calls for governors to certify compliance for all their facilities by May 15, 2015. As I am sure you are aware, there have not been enough trained professionals to conduct the audits required by PREA. Based on that fact alone, it is unreasonable for the federal government to extend and ignore its statutory obligations and deadline for more than 10 years, and then threaten states with the loss of federal funding for their failure to meet unreasonably short and arbitrary deadlines. I request that you continue to extend the compliance deadlines and provide ample opportunity to come to a workable solution for complying with PREA.

I support the intent and spirit of PREA and, in fact, I voted for PREA while serving in the Senate. I am also pleased that three correctional facilities and one juvenile facility in Kansas have passed their initial audits. I welcome the opportunity to work to explore inherent conflicts between PREA and state laws and devise workable and cost-effective solutions that meet the goals of the Act. I am returning the Assurance Form, along with the requested list of facilities, without completing either sub-category as neither situation applies to Kansas. I do assure you that Kansas will use not less than 5% of the covered DOJ grant funds toward PREA compliance.

Sincerely,



Sam Brownback
Governor of the State of Kansas

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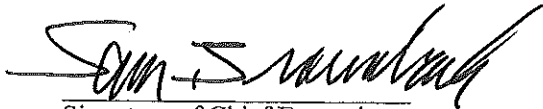
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Signature of Chief Executive

SAM BROWNBACK
Printed name of Chief Executive

KANSAS
Name of State/jurisdiction

5-14-15
Date

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Kentucky

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Steven T. Reshear
Printed name of Chief Executive

Kentucky
Name of State/jurisdiction

May 7, 2015
Date

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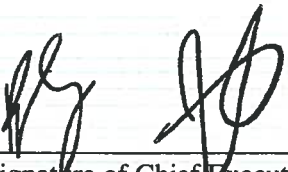
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Maine

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Paul R. LePage
Signature of Chief Executive

PAUL R. LePAGE
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MAINE
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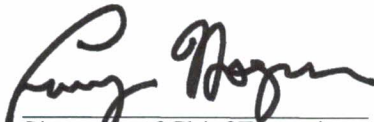
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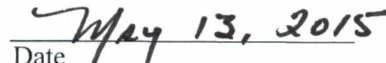
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Massachusetts



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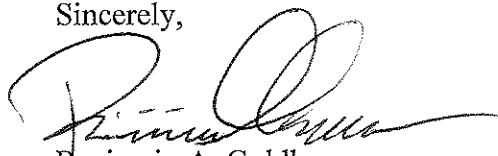
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On May 14, 2015, I sent you Governor Baker's 2015 certification regarding adoption and full compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape. The facilities that Governor Baker certified as being in full compliance remain so. However, in the past few days, additional information has come to the attention of the Governor's Office indicating that there are other facilities within the operational control of the Executive Branch that are not yet in full compliance with the standards applicable to them. More specifically, there are a number of lockup facilities that have not yet achieved full compliance.

Accordingly, after conducting a reassessment, the Governor is withdrawing his earlier certification and has signed the enclosed Assurance. Funds subject to this assurance will be used to bring the Commonwealth into full compliance. It is our hope that we will be able to achieve that full compliance during this calendar year.

Should you have any questions or if I can provide you with any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-725-4030.

Sincerely,



Benjamin A. Goldberger
Deputy Legal Counsel

Enclosure

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Charles D. Baker

Signature of Chief Executive

CHARLES D. BAKER

Printed name of Chief Executive

MASSACHUSETTS

Name of State/jurisdiction

5-22-15

Date

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Michigan

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Rick Snyder, Governor
Printed name of Chief Executive

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5/13/2015
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Minnesota



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

116 Veterans Service Building ♦ 20 West 12th Street ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

I want to assure you that the State of Minnesota is strongly committed to implementing the standards and principles contained in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Our Department of Corrections (MN DOC) has adopted policies and procedures that meet Final PREA Standards. Three of our ten correctional facilities have undergone audits and are in full compliance. Three more facilities are being audited this spring, and the remaining four facilities are taking the final steps toward compliance and will be audited in the spring of 2016.

We cannot assert complete compliance until all of those audits have been completed. MN DOC is requesting that 5% of the Department of Justice's grant funds for FY 2016 be dedicated to its efforts in achieving full compliance.

MN DOC continues to use an aggressive approach toward zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in its facilities. Prison officials have implemented systems to proactively identify potential victims and predators; and also to provide and document follow-up care for victims of sexual harassment and assault.

With the assistance of the Department of Justice and a PREA grant, MN DOC is developing a healthy relationship curriculum for women at its Shakopee prison for women. The curriculum will help women offenders form healthy relationships with men and women, and reduce the incidence of sexual abuse inside the facility. All of these efforts will move Minnesota toward PREA compliance and contribute to a safer state.

I would be pleased to discuss this matter further with you and to answer any questions you might have. I can be reached at 651-201-3499.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason

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Name of State/jurisdiction

Mark Dayton
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Mississippi



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MARSHALL FISHER, COMMISSIONER**

May 5, 2015

Gov. Phil Bryant
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Gov. Bryant:

Pursuant to a request from the United State Department of Justice, the Mississippi Department of Corrections is in full compliance with the national standards to prevent, detect, and respond to prison rape under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Marshall Fisher
Commissioner


Signature of Chief Executive

Mississippi
Name of State/jurisdiction


Printed name of Chief Executive

05/07/2015
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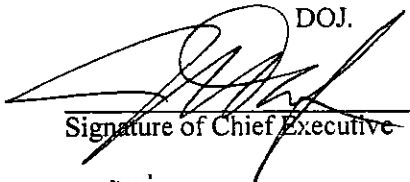
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Signature of Chief Executive

Missouri
Name of State/jurisdiction

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Printed name of Chief Executive

5/14/15
Date

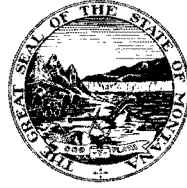
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Montana

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK
GOVERNOR



ANGELA McLEAN
LT. GOVERNOR

May 11, 2015

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

Thank you for the opportunity to report on Montana's progress in implementing the National PREA standards and combating sexual abuse in our adult and youth confinement facilities. As Montana's Governor, I fully support the creation of "zero tolerance" culture for sexual assault throughout my state's correctional facilities. Achieving full compliance remains a primary goal of my administration and the Montana Department of Corrections (DOC).

While we have not yet achieved our ultimate goal, we have substantial progress to report. This time last year, I noted that DOC had not been able to train the auditors necessary to conduct the required audits and had no funding to conduct them. This year, I am happy to report that DOC's PREA Coordinator Andy Jess is now the state's first federally certified PREA auditor for youth and adult secure facilities.

In addition, DOC has secured the funding to conduct PREA audits through a 2014 PREA grant that provides \$90,000 each year of the biennium for that purpose. At this time, we are considering some combination of hiring independent auditors and joining the Western State Consortium to cooperatively audit our adult facilities.

Over the past year, the PREA coordinator and a team from DOC's Office of Quality Assurance have completed full, mock PREA audits at the Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison, Riverside Youth Correctional Facility for girls and Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility for boys.

DOC's PREA coordinator also has updated the department's PREA policy and drafted the first PREA-specific procedures for Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison and Riverside Youth Correctional Facility. We have submitted the DOC PREA policy to the PREA Resource Center for review and, based on the feedback we receive, will review and submit our facility-specific procedures.

DOC's Office of Quality Assurance has laid out an ambitious agenda for the next 16 months that includes:

- seeking PREA Resource Center's assistance in further defining the role of Montana's PREA specialist;
- conducting a second round of preliminary audits at Montana State Prison and Montana Women's Prison to fine tune those facilities' readiness for a federal audit;
- by September 2015, commencing the federal PREA audit process at the state's two youth correctional facilities (Riverside and Pine Hills); and
- by August 2016, initiating federal PREA audits at the adult facilities (Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison and Treasure State Correctional Training Center)

Montana also has a privately run adult corrections facility, Crossroads Correctional Center (CCC) in Shelby, which is operated by Corrections Corporation of America. That facility intends to engage its own auditor and begin the federal PREA auditing process in August of this year.

When you weigh the significant strides made towards PREA compliance over the past two years, it is clear that the Montana Department of Corrections has made a genuine, long-term commitment to achieving and maintaining PREA compliance. While we are not there yet, we will diligently pursue full compliance within the next 16 months.

Sincerely,



STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

Enc: 2015 Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape

Montana Correctional Facilities Under State Operational Control

**Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with
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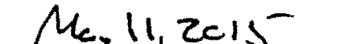
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Nebraska



Pete Ricketts
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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May 12, 2015

PREA Management Office
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531

Via U.S. Mail & electronic mail to:
PREACompliance@usdoj.gov

RE: PREA Assurance 2015 - State of Nebraska

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as the State of Nebraska's formal 2015 "Assurance To Utilize Department of Justice Grants To Achieve Full Compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape."

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 15607(e)(2), I assure the U.S. Department of Justice that the State of Nebraska will use not less than five percent of its covered Department of Justice grant funds for Fiscal Year 2015 to enable our state to adopt and achieve full compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape so as to assure that a certification of full compliance may be submitted in future years.

Your agency has also requested a list of confinement facilities in Nebraska that are considered to be under the operational control of the Executive branch. Following is a listing of those facilities:

Facilities Under Control of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

- Community Corrections Center – Lincoln, Nebraska
- Community Corrections Center – Omaha, Nebraska
- Lincoln Correctional Center – Lincoln, Nebraska
- Nebraska Correctional Center for Women – York, Nebraska
- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility – Omaha, Nebraska
- Nebraska State Penitentiary – Lincoln, Nebraska
- Omaha Correctional Center – Omaha, Nebraska
- Tecumseh State Correctional Institution – Tecumseh, Nebraska
- Work Ethic Camp – McCook, Nebraska

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Facilities Under Control of Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services

- Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center (Women) – Geneva, Nebraska
- Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center (Men) – Kearney, Nebraska

Additional information may be obtained from the Director of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Scott Frakes, Nebraska Dept. of Correctional Services, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, (402) 471-2654.

Sincerely,



Pete Ricketts
Governor

cc: Scott Frakes, Director, NE Department of Correctional Services
Darrell Fisher, Executive Director, Nebraska Crime Commission

Nevada

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Office of the Governor

April 27, 2015

Karol Mason
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs

Bea Hanson
Principal Deputy Director
Office on Violence Against Women

PREA Management Office
Bureau of Justice Assistance
United States Department of Justice
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

Re: 2015 PREA Standards Assurance Form
Nevada Confinement Facilities Under State Operational Control List

Dear Ms. Mason and Ms. Hanson:

Nevada is committed to achieving full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and has obtained significant success during audits of adult correctional facilities and conservation camps in the past year. We look forward to continuing our progress on this important work.

Pursuant to your letter dated March 5, 2015, enclosed is a signed 2015 PREA Standards Assurance Form with no exceptions checked and a list of confinement facilities under the operational control of the State, including adult correction facilities, conservation camps, transitional housing centers, and juvenile facilities.

Please contact me or my Chief Counsel Michon Martin at (775) 684-5670 if you have any questions or concerns about this response.

Sincere Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval".

Brian Sandoval,
Governor

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Brian Sandoval
Printed name of Chief Executive

Nevada
Name of State/jurisdiction

4/27/15
Date

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New Hampshire



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

May 13, 2015

United States Department of Justice
PREA Management Office
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

To Whom It May Concern:

As Governor of New Hampshire, I can assure you that we are committed to the safety of all incarcerated individuals within our State. This includes providing proper protection from sexual abuse and harassment within our correctional facilities. I am proud that in 2014 – after an audit of four New Hampshire correctional facilities – the United States Department of Justice determined that New Hampshire was fully compliant with PREA standards.

On behalf of the State of New Hampshire, attached please find New Hampshire's 2015 certification of compliance with PREA standards for all facilities under the operational control of this State's Executive Branch. This certification does not encompass facilities outside the control of the Governor; namely, those facilities that are under the operational control of the counties, cities, or other municipalities, or privately-operated facilities not operated on behalf of the State's Executive Branch.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maggie" followed by a stylized flourish.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

enc.

cc: Karol Mason, United States Assistant Attorney General

**Certification Regarding Adoption and Full Compliance with
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New Hampshire
Name of State/jurisdiction

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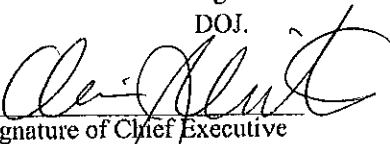
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Signature of Chief Executive

Chris Christie
Printed name of Chief Executive

New Jersey
Name of State/jurisdiction

5/11/15
Date

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New Mexico

**Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with
the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape**

2015

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Signature of Chief Executive

New Mexico
Name of State/jurisdiction

Susana Martinez
Printed name of Chief Executive

5-14-15
Date

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New York

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2015

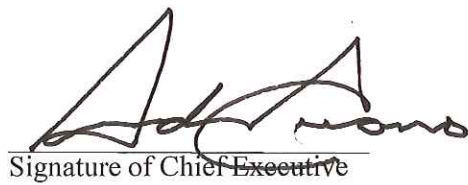
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Signature of Chief Executive

New York State
Name of State/jurisdiction

Andrew M. Cuomo
Printed name of Chief Executive

5-15-15
Date

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North Carolina

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2015**

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Signature of Chief Executive

North Carolina
Name of State/jurisdiction

Pat McCrory
Printed name of Chief Executive

May 12, 2015
Date

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North Dakota



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

May 12, 2015

Department of Justice
PREA Management Office

RE: Signed PREA Certificate

Please find enclosed a signed copy of the PREA certification regarding adoption and full compliance with National Standards. Included is also the North Dakota DOCR letter listing all DOCR facilities that are operated under the operational control of the state's executive branch. Within the letter is a summary confirming that four of the six facilities operated by the DOCR or under the operational control of the executive branch have been audited and are in full compliance with PREA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bonnie L. Storbakken".

Bonnie L. Storbakken
Legal Counsel to Governor Dalrymple

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Jack Dalrymple, Governor
Leann K. Bertsch, Director

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in North Dakota 2015.

In September 2003, the Prison Rape Elimination Act became the first federal law to address the sexual abuse and harassment of incarcerated individuals. The law mandates that states adopt a "Zero Tolerance" for all forms of offender sexual abuse and harassment, and that each state make prevention of offender sexual abuse and harassment a top priority. The final Department of Justice PREA Standards became effective on August 20, 2012, with the three year audit cycle to start August 20, 2013. All agencies subject to the Governor's Certification of Compliance must audit one third of its facilities in each year of the three year audit cycle. The North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) is committed to PREA compliance for all facilities operated by the DOCR and all facilities under the operational control of the executive branch via contract.

The following facilities are DOCR operated and under the operational control of the state's executive branch.

1. The North Dakota Youth Correctional Center (YCC).
 - a. The YCC completed its first Department of Justice PREA Audit July 21-22, 2014. The audit was completed by DOJ Certified PREA Auditor Candace Snyder of South Dakota. The results of the audit indicated full compliance with the PREA. No corrective action period was imposed meaning the facility was in full compliance at the time of the audit. This is an incredible accomplishment achieved by few facilities in the United States.
2. The North Dakota Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC).
 - a. The MRCC completed its first Department of Justice PREA Audit July 23-25, 2014. The audit was completed by DOJ Certified PREA Auditors Talia Huff and Ray Reno of Kansas. After a thirty day corrective action period the MRCC achieved full PREA compliance on October 14, 2014.
3. The North Dakota James River Correctional Center (JRCC).
 - a. The JRCC will be audited July 15-17, 2015, by DOJ Certified PREA Auditors Talia Huff and Ray Reno of Kansas. The DOCR PREA Audit Committee is confident the facility will achieve full PREA compliance at the time of the audit.
4. The North Dakota State Penitentiary (NDSP).
 - a. The NDSP will be audited July 13-15, 2015, by DOJ Certified PREA Auditors Talia Huff and Ray Reno of Kansas. The DOCR PREA Audit Committee is confident the facility will achieve full PREA compliance at the time of the audit.

Currently two of the four DOCR owned facilities have completed an audit by a DOJ Certified PREA auditor. This means that one half of the DOCR owned facilities have achieved PREA compliance in the first year of the three year PREA audit cycle. In addition, the final two DOCR facilities will achieve PREA compliance in the second year of the three year audit cycle. This means all DOCR owned facilities will achieve full PREA compliance in the second year of the three year audit cycle.

In addition to the four DOCR operated facilities there are two additional facilities under the operational control of the State's executive branch via contract.

1. The Dakota Women's Correctional and Rehabilitation Center (DWCRC).
 - a. The DWCRC completed its first Department of Justice PREA Audit October 28-29 2014. The audit was completed by DOJ Certified PREA Auditor Wendy Roal Warner of Minnesota. After a very short corrective action period the DWCRC achieved full PREA compliance on November 24, 2014.
2. The Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center (TRCC).
 - a. The TRCC completed its first Department of Justice PREA Audit November 17-18, 2014. The audit was completed by DOJ Certified PREA Auditor Vevia Strum of Missouri. TRCC achieved full PREA compliance on April 23, 2015,

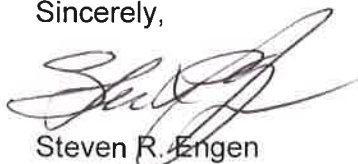
In summary, four of the six facilities operated by the DOCR or under the operational control of the executive branch have been audited and are in full compliance with PREA. These four of six facilities have completed this goal in year one or two of the first three year audit cycle. Because JRCC and NDSP are scheduled to be audited in July 2015 it is very likely that all six facilities will be fully PREA compliant by the start of the third audit year of August 20, 2015.

Additionally, the DOCR utilized the following facilities on a contract basis for bed space that are not subject to the Governor's certification of compliance. All are or are in the process of achieving PREA compliance.

1. Teen Challenge of North Dakota. This facility has been audited and is fully PREA compliant.
2. Bismarck Transitional Center. This facility has been audited and is fully PREA compliant.
3. Centre Inc., Mandan, ND. This facility has been audited and is fully PREA compliant.
4. Lake Region Reentry Center, Devils Lake, ND. This facility has been audited and is fully PREA compliant.
5. Heart of America Corrections and Treatment Center, Rugby, ND. PREA audit scheduled for fall 2015.
6. Centre Inc., Grand Forks, ND. PREA audit scheduled for June 23-24, 2015.
7. Centre Inc., Fargo, ND. PREA audit scheduled for 2016 prior to August 20.

In closing, the DOCR is committed to "zero tolerance" toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment between inmates as well as staff, contractors and volunteers and inmates, The DOCR will continue to take an aggressive approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct. At this time North Dakota is in "full compliance" with the National PREA Standards.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Engen
ND DOCR PREA Coordinator

**Certification Regarding Adoption and Full Compliance with
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2015**

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Signature of Chief Executive

North Dakota
Name of State/jurisdiction

Jack Dalrymple
Printed name of Chief Executive

5/12/15
Date

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Ohio

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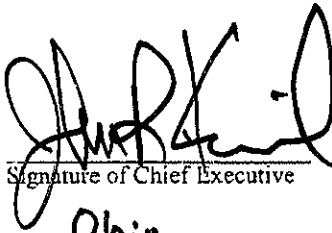
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Signature of Chief Executive

Ohio

Name of State/jurisdiction

John R. Kasich

Printed name of Chief Executive

5/12/2015

Date

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Oklahoma



Mary Fallin
Governor

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
United States Department of Justice
Attention: PREA Management Office
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear General Lynch:

The federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 in an effort to reduce incidents of sexual abuse in United States correctional facilities. The PREA standards provide that in situations where a Governor is not able to certify to the federal government that the State is in full compliance with these PREA standards, the Governor has the option of submitting a form to the Department of Justice stating that not less than five percent of certain designated grant funds will be used for the purpose of enabling the State to achieve and eventually certify full compliance with the PREA standards in future years. 42 U.S.C. § 15607(e)(2).

Pursuant to this PREA standard, I have attached the PREA Standards assurance form indicating that Oklahoma will use not less than five percent of its specified Department of Justice Grant Funds for FY 2016 in order to move towards compliance with PREA in future years. In making this certification, I have considered the results of PREA audits recently conducted at Oklahoma facilities. Additionally, I have attached, at DOJ's request, a list of confinement facilities in this state considered under the operational control of the State's executive branch.

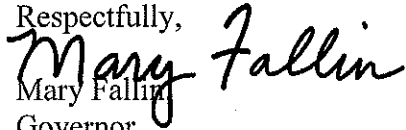
The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) has very successfully worked toward compliance of PREA. Specifically, as of May 1, 2015, certified Department of Justice auditors completed nine audits of (ODOC) facilities, all of which resulted in the auditors rating those facilities "in compliance" with PREA. Additionally, five facilities contracted with the ODOC and operated by private entities have also been audited, all of which resulted in the auditors rating those facilities "in compliance" with PREA. A comprehensive list of ODOC facilities subject to PREA is attached and includes projected audit dates for each facility.

The Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OOJA) continues a Zero-Tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment by making prevention a top priority and increasing the accountability of staff through prevention, detection, reporting and responding, and protecting the rights of the residents housed at OJA operated facilities. OJA re-hired a PREA Coordinator, who has been working closely with facility administration and their PREA

Compliance Managers, to ensure that they understand PREA, policies, forms and resources. OJA's PREA Coordinator will be attending PREA auditor certification training in May of 2015. A complete list of OOJA facilities is attached.

Although Oklahoma has *thus far* experienced success with efforts to achieve full compliance with PREA, I reiterate my request in last year's assurance. The federal government has created rules that create a substantial financial burden to states; rules that do not render measurable and evidence based outcomes. States are threatened with the reduction of federal funding for services to victims of crime because of the unrealistic standards that ignore the operational realities of the adult and juvenile correctional industry. As Oklahoma continues to seriously address this issue, I *again* urge the Department of Justice to match our commitment to this important issue and re-evaluate the PREA standards. PREA standards must fully consider the realities of a state correctional system and have measurable benefits based on evidence-based correctional practices.

Respectfully,


Mary Fallin
Governor

Enclosures

**Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with
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2015

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Mary Fallin
Signature of Chief Executive

State of Oklahoma
Name of State/jurisdiction

Mary Fallin
Printed Name of Chief Executive

May 15, 2015
Date

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Oregon

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2015**

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Signature of Chief Executive

Katherine Brown, Governor
Printed name of Chief Executive

OREGON
Name of State/jurisdiction

May 12, 2015
Date

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Pennsylvania



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Governor's Office of General Counsel

PREA Management Office
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20531

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: PREACompliance@usdoj.gov

RE: PREA Standards Assurance Form from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania

May 12, 2015

Please find attached Pennsylvania's Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards Assurance form. Please note Pennsylvania has checked Box 1 of this Assurance form. In addition, as per your request, attached is a list of confinement facilities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania considered to be under the operational control of the State's executive branch, including facilities operated by private entities on behalf of the State's executive branch.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Department of Justice as we work together to implement the National PREA Standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Gingrich Cornick".

Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esq.
Deputy General Counsel
Governor's Office of General Counsel
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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**Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with
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2015

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Tom Wolf
Signature of Chief Executive

TOM WOLF
Printed name of Chief Executive

PENNSYLVANIA
Name of State/jurisdiction

5/2/15
Date

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Puerto Rico



COMMONWEALTH OF
PUERTO RICO
GOVERNOR

ALEJANDRO J. GARCÍA-PADILLA

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) that mandates all governors' offices to certify or assure the compliance with requirements under PREA by May 15, 2015, I hereby enclose an assurance to utilize Department of Justice (DOJ) grants to achieve full compliance with PREA standards.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is fully committed to complying with PREA standards and is proactively implementing programs and services that ensure physical and sexual safety for our inmates. Sexual assault is unacceptable, and the Commonwealth is taking all reasonable steps to prevent occurrences in our correctional facilities. The Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) is devoting significant resources in drafting and implementing new policies and procedures. A PREA compliance team has been in place since 2013 and the DCR already started specialized training for its more than 6,500 correctional employees.

In addition to the assurance, I have also enclosed a list of confinement facilities that are considered to be under the operational control of the Commonwealth. I look forward to continue working with the DOJ to promote safer conditions for our inmates.

Cordially,

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,



Alejandro J. García-Padilla

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GINA M. RAIMONDO
Printed name of Chief Executive

RHODE ISLAND
Name of State/jurisdiction

5/13/15
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South Carolina

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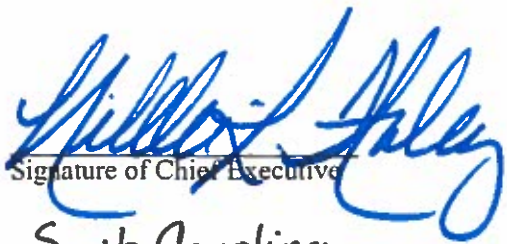
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South Carolina
Name of State/jurisdiction

Nikki R. Haley
Printed name of Chief Executive

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South Dakota



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

May 8, 2015

Karol Mason, Assistant Attorney General- Office of Justice Programs
Bea Hanson, Principal Deputy Director-Office on Violence Against Women
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

VIA EMAIL: PREACompliance@usdoj.gov

Dear Assistant Attorney General Mason and Principal Deputy Director Hanson:

The State of South Dakota and the Department of Corrections has a zero-tolerance policy relating to sexual abuse and harassment of juvenile and adult offenders. The Department has adopted policies and practices and entered into agreements that support compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards adopted by the United States Attorney General.

The state's lone juvenile facility, STAR Academy, successfully completed its PREA audit on July 2014 and was found compliant. Sequel Transition Academy, a private facility operated on behalf of the state, will have its audit completed in June 2015. On the adult side, the South Dakota Women's Prison had its audit May 5-7, 2015, and the discussions in the exit interview appear favorable for a finding of compliance. The Mike Durfee State Prison will have its audit July 14-16, 2015, and the South Dakota State Penitentiary is scheduled for April 12-14, 2016.

It appears the Department of Correction's actions to date pursuant to the PREA standards places the state in a position of compliance. The audits that have been completed to date support this conclusion. However, since audits have not been completed for all facilities under the operational control of the Governor, the State of South Dakota will not certify compliance at this time. It is anticipated the state will be in a position to certify compliance in May 2016, assuming compliance audits conducted between now and then are favorable.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daugaard

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Enclosures: 1) PREA Standards Assurance Form
2) Correctional Facilities under operational control of the Governor

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Dennis Daugaard
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SOUTH DAKOTA
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Tennessee

**Certification Regarding Adoption and Full Compliance with
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2015**

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 - b. Agree to return 5% of its covered DOJ grant funds for FY 2015 as calculated by DOJ.


Signature of Chief Executive

Bill Haslam
Printed name of Chief Executive

Tennessee
Name of State/jurisdiction

MAY 8, 2015
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Texas



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 28, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

The State of Texas has taken significant steps to eliminate prison rape. I cannot yet certify that the State is in full compliance with Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA") because our PREA audits are still ongoing. But every facility that has completed the PREA audit process has been certified as fully compliant. And I can assure you that we will use not less than 5 percent of our PREA funds to enable the State to work toward full compliance with DOJ's PREA standards wherever feasible.

A. Texas Department of Criminal Justice ("TDCJ")

1. We have 110 state jails and prisons in Texas. Ninety-four of them are owned and operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; 15 are owned by TDCJ and privately operated; and 1 is privately owned and operated. As of May 13, 2015, the State has completed PREA audits for 32 of those units. Of those 32 audits, we have final reports for 28 units. And of the 28 units that have final audit reports, all of them have been certified as fully compliant with PREA. Moreover, TDCJ has scheduled audits for all of the remaining units that it owns and operates. The completed audits can be found at www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/arm/arm_rev_stan_prea.html, and TDCJ's audit schedule is attached to this letter.

TDCJ is continuing to address the confinement of 17-year-old offenders. Texas law requires individuals who are 17 years of age or older to be tried as adults and confined in prisons along with other adults. *See* TEX. FAMILY CODE § 51.02(2); TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 4.18. That has been the law in our State since at least 1918. *See McLaren v. State*, 209 S.W. 669 (Tex. Crim. App. 1919). DOJ's PREA standards, by contrast, generally require States to segregate 17-year-old offenders from prisoners who are 18 years of age or older. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 115.5 (defining "youthful inmate" to include 17-year-olds); *id.* § 115.14 (prohibiting the State from placing a "youthful inmate" "in a housing unit in which the youthful inmate will have sight, sound, or physical contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters").

TDCJ has three units that house 17 year olds with older offenders: Clemens (males), Travis (males), and Hilltop (females). As of March 31, 2015, TDCJ had 52 youthful male inmates and 7 youthful female inmates in those three units. While TDCJ is confident that it has taken adequate measures to segregate those youthful offenders in accordance with DOJ's PREA standards, we will not

know for sure until next year. That is because the audits for Clemens, Hilltop, and Travis will not be completed before February 2016, September 2016, and October 2016, respectively.

2. TDCJ also manages 28 community residential facilities that are owned and operated by private third-parties. Those 28 facilities include 7 halfway houses and 21 transitional treatment centers. Because TDCJ does not own or operate those facilities, it does not control their PREA audit schedules. But TDCJ has negotiated clauses in each of its contracts with those 28 community residential facilities that require them to comply with PREA. A list of those facilities is attached.

B. Texas Juvenile Justice Department (“TJJD”)

1. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department owns and operates 14 residential facilities for juvenile offenders. Of those 14 facilities, audits have been completed for 9 and scheduled for 5. Of the 9 completed audits, 6 have been certified as fully compliant with PREA, and 3 expect to be certified but have not yet received their final auditor’s report. The completed audits can be found at <http://www.tjjd.texas.gov/programs/prea.aspx>, and TJJD’s audit schedule is attached to this letter.

2. TJJD also manages 8 juvenile residential facilities that are owned and operated by private third-parties. Of those 8 facilities, PREA applies to only 5. Of those 5 facilities, 1 has completed its audit and been certified as fully compliant; the other 4 have audits scheduled for 2016.

C. Texas Department of Public Safety (“DPS”)

Finally, the Texas Department of Public Safety uses 120 “lockup” (or temporary confinement) facilities across the State. Many of those facilities are in driver’s license offices and other places that the Texas Highway Patrol might utilize to temporarily detain or confine individuals. DPS is in the process of choosing a PREA coordinator and finalizing its PREA compliance standards. DPS reports that none of its lockup facilities are utilized to house detainees overnight, and therefore it need not conduct audits for those facilities. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 115.193. A complete list of DPS’s lockup facilities is attached to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Greg Abbott
Governor

U.S. Virgin Islands

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K E Mapp
Signature of Chief Executive

Kenneth E. Mapp
Printed name of Chief Executive

U.S. Virgin Islands
Name of State/jurisdiction

5-27-15
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Vermont

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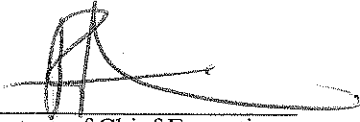
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GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN
Printed name of Chief Executive

VERMONT

Name of State/jurisdiction

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Virginia



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor

May 13, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

First, let me extend my congratulations to you on your recent confirmation as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States. My administration and I stand ready to assist you and your team as we look forward to strengthening our great working relationship.

Last year, I wrote to your predecessor informing him that Virginia is committed to achieving compliance with the Department of Justice's national standards concerning the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). I gave former Attorney General Holder my assurances that Virginia would use at least five percent of its covered DOJ grant funds as part of our efforts to achieve full compliance with the standards. Virginia again makes those assurances.

Virginia is pleased to certify compliance with the PREA standards. Our Department of Corrections continues to pass its required audits. And our Department of Juvenile Justice, working collaboratively with our Department of Corrections' personnel, will achieve full compliance with all 40 of the standards relating to operations in juvenile facilities this year, far ahead of schedule.

Just as Virginia continues to lead the nation in meeting and exceeding the necessary compliance benchmarks set by PREA, we will also continue to lead aggressively in reducing sexual abuse in our prison system.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, and once again extend my sincere congratulations.

Sincerely,

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**Assurance to Utilize Department of Justice Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with
the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape**

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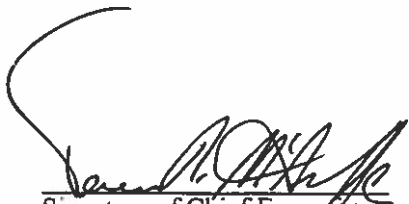
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Signature of Chief Executive
Virginia
Name of State/jurisdiction

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Washington

JAY INSLEE
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Governor

May 15, 2015

Karol Mason, Assistant Attorney General
PREA Management Office
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

Dear Assistant Attorney General Mason:

The state of Washington is proud to certify its compliance with National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards. Included with this cover letter is a PREA Standards Certification form, signed by Washington Governor Jay Inslee. Also included are two letters that were submitted to the Governor's Office from the directors of the executive agencies tasked with administering confinement facilities for youth—the Washington Department of Social and Health Services—and adults—the Department of Corrections. These two letters each contain lists of the confinement facilities under the operational control of those agencies.

Please advise our office if there are additional materials that we can provide you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taylor K. Wanhoff".

Taylor K. Wanhoff
Assistant Legal Counsel





STATE OF WASHINGTON
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May 14, 2015

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
Post Office Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

RE: Washington State PREA Certification Recommendation for the Department of Corrections

Dear Governor Inslee,

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 requires that the Governor certify compliance with federal standards for "...all facilities in the State under the operational control of the State's Executive Branch..." (Standard 115.501 b). This letter is to certify that the Washington State Department of Corrections is compliant with PREA standards as they apply to prison and community confinement facilities. This certification is based on the following:

- The completion of Department of Justice (DOJ) certified audits in five (5) prisons and seven (7) work release facilities during the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 audit cycles, resulting in achieving 100% compliance in each facility without the need for any corrective action;
- The scheduling of DOJ certified audits in three (3) prisons and three (3) work release facilities during the remainder of the 2014/2015 audit cycle;
- The implementation of a comprehensive pre-assessment and pre-audit system in all facilities along with a schedule to complete DOJ certified audits in the remaining four (4) prisons and five (5) work release facilities during the 2015/2016 audit cycle;
- The development of a system to monitor public and private agencies with which the Agency contracts to house offenders;
- The development of partnerships to ensure offender access to community-based victim advocacy services and an independent external reporting entity;
- The expansion of data capabilities to better analyze allegations and incidences;

- Collaboration with city, county, regional and tribal jails contracted with to house offender violators to assist with their activities to ensure substantive compliance with standards;
- The completion of sexual safety assessments in one prison and one work release in partnership with the Moss Group as a part of a PREA demonstration grant, enhancing implementation and cultural integration;
- Expansion of reporting venues to include TTY access for those with hearing impairments;
- Expansion of training venues and internal/external websites to ensure dissemination of needed information to staff, offenders, volunteers, contractors, and the public.

The Agency's implementation strategies, policies and training have been audit tested and found to be compliant with all standards, exceeding requirement in several areas to include:

- Staff training requirements that exceed those established in standards;
- The extensive pool of staff trained to investigate PREA allegations;
- Collaboration with the Colorado Department of Corrections to establish an independent external reporting venue for offenders; and
- Publication on the Agency website, a thorough and extraordinarily detailed report and analysis, identifying problem areas and corrective action.

This level of compliance exceeded Agency expectations and goals as no deficiencies were identified during all audits completed thus far. It is also anticipated that the Agency will achieve similar compliance assessments in upcoming audits.

The Agency also has developed plans to enhance prevention, response and investigation strategies in the upcoming year to include:

- Enhanced training opportunities to include:
 - Development of training regarding communication with LGBTI offenders;
 - Enhanced training for first responders;
 - Enhanced training for medical and mental health providers;
 - Refocusing new employee training from offender manipulation to staff accountability;
 - Development of comprehensive scenarios to provide more interactive training to enhance understanding and retention by engaging critical discussion, debate, practice, and opportunities for staff to ask questions;
 - Development of training for staff on identifying "red flag" behavior in other staff and support in reporting both suspicions and incidents.

- Systems to improve offender discipline related to PREA;
- Enhanced evidence management systems to include training and job aids;
- Investigation mapping to support an understanding and consistency both in the investigations process and investigatory roles and responsibilities across the Agency beyond PREA;
- Development of a comprehensive system to monitor continued compliance in all Agency facilities between DOJ audits;
- Automation of mental health referrals related to PREA Risk Assessment identification of victims and perpetrators;
- Continued partnership with jail, juvenile, and community provider agencies to enhance implementation across the state;
- Continued enhancement of data capabilities to better capture and analyze information; and
- Expansion of community victim advocacy services to include on-site support for offenders.

The Washington State Department of Corrections has been recognized as a leader in PREA standard implementation and cultural integration throughout the nation. This has been accomplished by dedicated staff throughout the Agency, maintaining as integral goals the provision of support services to all survivors of sexual abuse, the reduction in sexual violence across the Agency and the enhancement of safe, secure environments for offenders, staff, contractors and visitors through these efforts.

Sincerely,

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Bernard Warner
Secretary

cc: Sandy Mullins, Senior Policy Advisor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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May 11, 2015

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO BOX 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

RE: Washington State PREA Certification Recommendation for Juvenile Facilities – Update

Dear Governor Inslee,

I am writing to confirm the DSHS Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration's (JJ&RA) recommendation that you certify juvenile facilities under the state's operational control as Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant. Given our understanding from PREA Standard 115.501(a) that governors shall make their certification of compliance taking into consideration the results of the most recent agency audit and that the Department of Justice intends audits to be a primary, but not the only, factor in determining compliance, we continue to recommend certification of Washington Juvenile Rehabilitation facilities as PREA compliant in 2015.

The most recent agency audit results indicate Juvenile Rehabilitation facilities are in substantial compliance with the PREA Standards. In the last year, we had five facilities¹ reviewed by an external auditor. All had corrective actions and completed their plans. Echo Glen Children's Center was fully certified last week after completing their corrective action plan. Two other facilities are anticipated to receive their final certification in July. The auditor has advised us that no issues are anticipated at these facilities.

The auditor did determine that the 15-bed Touchstone Community Facility ("Touchstone") had not sufficiently met one element of one standard by not sufficiently institutionalizing resident education.² The facility is fully compliant with 40 of the 41 standards (and 169 out of 170 individual elements). Juvenile Rehabilitation has addressed this issue and scheduled for the auditor to conduct another complete review at Touchstone as early as June 2015 in order to demonstrate full compliance with all elements at that time.

A fifth facility, Camp Outlook, has recently been scheduled for closure for budget reasons so no final report will be issued for that facility.

¹ Audits were completed at Camp Outlook, Echo Glen Children's Center, Ridgeview Community Facility, Oakridge Community Facility, and Touchstone Community Facility.

² PREA Standard 115.333 Resident Education

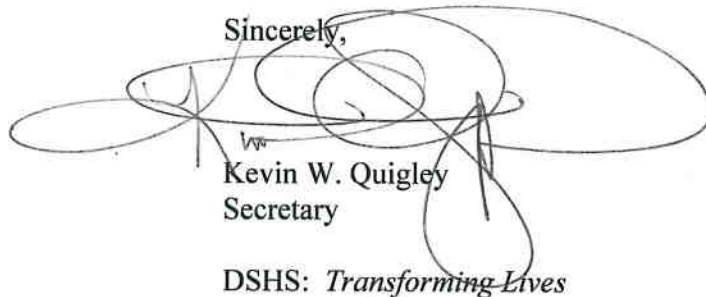
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In addition to the external audits this past year, all Juvenile Rehabilitation staff received PREA training and implemented significant policy changes to align with PREA. We conducted internal audits for facilities who will be reviewed by an external auditor in the coming year and believe these facilities will be PREA compliant.

Sincerely,

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Kevin W. Quigley
Secretary

DSHS: *Transforming Lives*

C: Sandy Mullins, Senior Policy Advisor

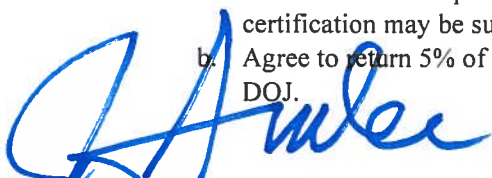
**Certification Regarding Adoption and Full Compliance with
the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape
2015**

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 - b. Agree to return 5% of its covered DOJ grant funds for FY 2015 as calculated by DOJ.



Signature of Chief Executive

Washington

Name of State/jurisdiction

Jay Inslee

Printed name of Chief Executive

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West Virginia

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Earl Ray Tomblin

Signature of Chief Executive

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Printed name of Chief Executive

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Name of State/jurisdiction

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Wisconsin

Scott Walker
Governor

Edward F. Wall
Secretary



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State of Wisconsin
Department of Corrections
Office of the Secretary

To: Governor Scott Walker
Wisconsin State Capitol

From: Secretary Edward F. Wall
Department of Corrections

Date: April 24, 2015

Re: Prison Rape Elimination Act Compliance

The State of Wisconsin is required to notify the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) by May 15, 2015, of our status or intentions with regard to the requirements of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) has a zero tolerance standard for sexual abuse and sexual harassment in its confinement facilities and is committed to working towards and maintaining compliance with PREA. As Secretary of the Wisconsin DOC, I offer the following information for your consideration in determining the response you deem appropriate.

Since our assurance letter last year stating our commitment work towards compliance with the federal PREA standards, Wisconsin DOC has made the following strides towards PREA compliance for all of our 38 adult and juvenile facilities:

- Complete revision of our Executive Directive 72 to align with the PREA standards
- Complete revision of offender PREA handbooks to align with the standards
- Trained over 100 employees to investigate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in accordance with the PREA standards
- Collaborated with the state Capitol Police to create an outside reporting line for inmates
- Created new training curriculum for new employees, including pre-service
- Completed fourteen internal mock audits of selected facilities to better assess our compliance status
- Awarded a federal PREA grant in the amount of \$495,998 to assist Wisconsin DOC in working towards compliance; this grant allows for the hiring of a PREA Psychologist and a PREA Research Analyst
- Released a RFB to solicit for PREA auditors to conduct audits in all of our adult facilities

In addition to the highlighted accomplishments above, Wisconsin DOC continues to work towards compliance and has applied for the three eligible PREA reallocation grants and is awaiting award information. The reallocation grants authorized five percent of the following grants to use towards compliance:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program - \$77,714.
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Formula - \$13,536.

- Office of Violence Against Women; the STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program - \$120,836.

The funds from the three reallocation grants will primarily be used to pay for contracted auditors to conduct our audits. A small portion of these funds will be allocated to the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault to collaborate with sexual assault services providers across the state and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide services to inmate victims, as directed by the PREA standards. Finally, Wisconsin has entered into a consortium with Michigan and South Dakota to conduct one audit of a juvenile facility. A small amount of the reallocation funds will be applied to the costs associated with this consortium agreement. Out of this agreement, Wisconsin DOC will have an audit of one juvenile facility conducted this calendar year.

As described above, Wisconsin DOC is continuing to work towards compliance and is dedicated to achieving compliance with the PREA standards. Please let me know if you have any questions about our efforts thus far or if additional information is needed.

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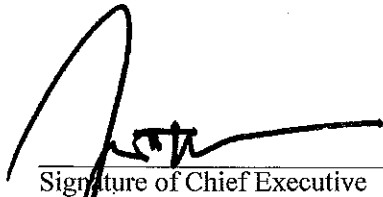
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State of Wisconsin

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Wyoming

Office of the Governor

May 14, 2015

Ms. Karol Mason
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs
Washington, D.C. 20531

RE: Assurance to Utilize DOJ Grants to Achieve Full Compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape - 2015

Dear Assistant Attorney General Mason:

The intent of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is commendable. Sexual assault in correctional facilities is unacceptable. Wyoming has a zero tolerance for sexual misconduct and sexual victimization of inmates in any detention facility. This core value was in place in Wyoming before the PREA standards were finalized.

The PREA standards present challenges. They are cumbersome and expensive to implement. The Wyoming Department of Corrections spent \$149,298 for additional video monitoring cameras and recording capabilities to achieve compliance in two facilities. In the three prison facilities not yet audited, it will spend between \$130,000 and \$450,000 per institution to meet requirements.

An estimated \$500,000 will be required to bring the Wyoming Boys' School and the Wyoming Girls' School into compliance. The Wyoming Girls' School will undergo an audit in June 2015 which will include an audit of the Department of Family Services' PREA compliance and progress.

Adult confinement facilities under the operational control of Wyoming's executive branch are:

Wyoming prisons:

- WY Women's Center, Lusk, WY (PREA audited and compliant as of 2014)
- WY Honor Conservation Camp, Newcastle, WY (PREA audited and compliant as of 2014)
- WY Medium Correctional Institution, Torrington, WY (to be PREA audited in 2015)

Karol Mason
Office of Justice Programs
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- WY State Penitentiary, Rawlins, WY (to be PREA audited in 2016)
- WY Honor Farm, Riverton, WY (to be PREA audited in 2016)

Contract Adult Community Confinement Facilities:

- Community Corrections Center, Casper, WY, (PREA audited and compliant as of 2014)
- Community Corrections Center, Cheyenne, WY (to be PREA audited in 2015)
- Community Corrections Center, Gillette, WY (to be PREA audited in 2016)

Juvenile Confinement facilities in Wyoming that are considered to be under the operational control of the Wyoming's executive branch include:

- WY Boys' School, Worland, WY (to be PREA audited in 2016)
- WY Girls' School, Sheridan, WY (to be PREA audited in 2015)

Enclosed please find the State of Wyoming's 2015 mandatory assurance for use of Department of Justice Grants to achieve compliance with PREA national standards.

Sincerely,



Matthew H. Mead
Governor

MHM:mdm

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Mike Enzi, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Cynthia Lummis, U.S. House of Representatives
Peter K. Michael, Wyoming Attorney General
Bob Lampert, Director, Wyoming Department of Corrections
Steve Corsi, Director, Wyoming Department of Family Services

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State of Wyoming
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