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Pat Hardy
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Dear Ms. Hardy:

This is to voice my support for continuation of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) at Central California Women's Facility (CCWF).

The AVP has been taking place at CCWF once a month since its inception in March, 2006. Amongst the 50 inmates that have graduated, only one has received a serious Rules Violation Report since attending the program.

Eleven inmates have completed the training all the way through the "Facilitator" level, thus have begun assisting in the training of other inmates. (The inmate Facilitators include one inmate that had received three Rules Violation Reports in the month directly preceding her attendance at the AVP workshop, yet has received none since graduation.) Interest in your program is high, as there are 131 inmates on the waiting list.

Staff at CCWF appreciates the dedicated volunteers who provide this program at no charge to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Your willingness to travel such great distances at your own expense is admirable, and a clear sign of your dedication to reducing violence at CCWF and in society.

Thank you for bringing this program to CCWF. It is clearly appreciated by staff and enjoyed and successfully utilized by inmates. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Lynne Parker, Inmate Services Coordinator, at (559) 665-5531, extension 5112.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Deborah L. Patrick

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