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Honorable Brian M. Kolb  
Minority Leader  
New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building, Room 933  
Albany, N.Y. 12248

Dear Leader Kolb:

Enclosed please find the Department of Correctional Services' response to the recently released report of the Assembly Republican Task Force on Workforce Issues in the Correctional System.

Although the Department appreciates the support it has received over the years from your conference, we strongly disagree with many of your Task Force's conclusions and recommendations regarding our workforce and the management of our agency.

Each of our disagreements is fully explained in the enclosed response.

I would be happy to discuss any of these matters at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Fischer', written over a circular stamp.

Brian Fischer  
Commissioner

cc Honorable Gary D. Finch, Assembly Republican Task Force co-chairman  
Honorable Joseph M. Giglio, Assembly Republican Task Force co-chairman  
Honorable Ruth Hassell-Thompson, chair, Senate Committee on Crime  
Victims, Crime and Correction  
Honorable Jeffrion L. Aubry, chair, Assembly Committee on Correction