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The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks  
Prince George's County Executive  
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building  
1301 McCormick Drive – Suite 400  
Largo, MD 20774

Dear County Executive Alsobrooks:

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee of the Prince George's County Council convened on October 19, 2023, and discussed the operations of the Department of Corrections. During the meeting, we discussed the history of challenges with the maintenance of the correctional facility.

As a result, the County Council requests that funding be provided for 24-hour maintenance staff. The correctional facility provides a 24-hour environment, and we heard first-hand accounts of consistent challenges with maintenance, especially with the plumbing. This is an aging facility, known for its physical deficiencies and housing a population that would prefer to be elsewhere. For the sake of staff, inmates, and visitors, maintenance challenges merit a robust response.

The County Council believes that a 24-hour maintenance schedule with the requisite staffing will be beneficial to the County. The Council also believes that this staffing enhancement could create long-term savings and would be a good investment, justifying the immediate cost considering the age of the facility.

Your full consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Please contact Ms. Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator, and copy Nathaniel Tutt if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Dernoga, Chair  
Prince George's County Council

cc: County Council Members  
Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator  
Colette Gresham, Acting Deputy Council Administrator  
Tara Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Barry Stanton, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Corene Labbé, Director, Department of Corrections  
Jonathan Butler, Director, Central Services