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Dear Ms. South:

A few words to update you on my work on your behalf:

I have spoken with the relevant persons at the Department of Corrections about your work assignment. They told me that you requested the assignment you currently have scrubbing showers and that it is their policy not to let anyone take a shower while the showers are being cleaned. Whatever the case, I made it very clear to them that the Senator is personally aware of your case and that we expect them to do whatever it takes, regardless of policy or regulations, to ensure that you are not harassed, essentially left alone, and given an appropriate work assignment, so that you can complete your sentence and be released.

Department administration agrees that our request is appropriate. My concern is that such sentiment does not get passed down to the rank and file officers. Thus, I made it clear that we expect the line officers to specifically be made aware of our request and that any sort of harassment is absolutely unacceptable. Administration is updating me weekly on your situation, from their perspective.

I have not yet heard back regarding the falsification of your Army discharge documents. The Senator is writing a letter to the Director to expedite their investigation of what happened.

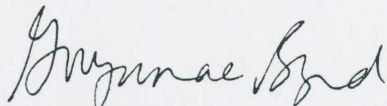
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I followed up with the legal services organization to whom I referred your case. They referred it another woman attorney who is now unable to take your case. I have called some other organizations in an attempt to have someone come visit you and address both your legal and emotional issues. Nothing has come of those efforts so far. I did, however, e-mail the Intersex Society of North America, which is (conveniently) located in San Francisco. I have not yet received a response. For your information, their address is: P.O. Box 31791, S.F. 94131.

I am returning your only copy of your appeal form that you previously sent me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Appeal Form

P.S. Please do not give my name or Sen. Blanco's name to any other inmate. You are a special case; but we normally would not provide this much assistance to an inmate, and I don't want the inquiries from others -