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Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Ph.D.
Director
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Dear Dr. Sawyer,

Thank you for your recent efforts to address low staff levels at many of our Bureau of Prisons (BOP) institutions across the country. Because of these efforts, much of the staff in these institutions are encouraged by your interest in correcting the problem.

However, low staff levels continue to be an issue. After meeting with the employees at the Federal Corrections Institute Jesup (FCI Jesup), in the First Congressional District of Georgia, I remain worried.

During my meeting with the employees, we discussed 2 incidents that were directly attributed to inadequate staff levels. On Friday, July 5th, in the Special Housing Unit at FCI Jesup, an inmate cut a male staff member who was subsequently sent to a nearby hospital. The prior weekend, multiple inmates were found using illegal substances that forced a lockdown of FCI Jesup.

We cannot continue to let incidents like this, which endanger the lives of both inmates and federal employees, continue to occur. Please consider expediting additional staff to FCI Jesup as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter
Member of Congress