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Amy E. Breihan
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Re: Criminal Justice Center

Dear Ms. Breihan:

This is in response to your February 10, 2021 email addressed to Mayor Krewson, Public Safety Director Edwards and Corrections Commissioner Glass. Although your letter is clearly intended to spread a false narrative, I will indulge it with a response in order to set the record straight.

The incarcerated rioters referenced in your email committed felony crimes when they attacked a Corrections officer and vandalized portions of the Criminal Justice Center on February 6. The rationalizations suggested by your group for this criminal conduct are simply false.

Contrary to your unsupported allegations, CJC staff observes detailed and rigorous protocols to protect detainees and Corrections staff from the COVID-19 virus. Among other things, each detainee quarantines for 14 days upon admission to the facility. Detainees receive masks and nurses rotate through each unit three times a day. Replacement masks are provided immediately upon request. If a detainee requests a COVID test or a nurse detects symptoms, a COVID test is administered immediately (unless the detainee refuses). These are just some of the measures taken at CJC. Your careless accusations are an insult to the Corrections officers, nurses, and doctors who have worked diligently (and successfully) to protect the health and safety of detainees at CJC and MSI.

The rest of your letter is similarly flawed. The only time water is “turned off” is when detainees intentionally plug the toilets with clothing and flood the jail floors. Detainees who persist with such conduct are given scheduled times when their water will be turned on.

Meals are provided to all detainees, with special menus for those who are diabetic, lactose intolerant or vegetarians. Each cell is equipped with a combination toilet-sink unit, with the sink providing all detainees access to drinking water. A new, automated heating system was installed a year ago with the temperature preset to 72 degrees.

CJC staff is currently focused on assessing and repairing the damage caused by the rioters. We do not plan to provide tours of the facility.

Sincerely,



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