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Michael Delaney, Attorney General
NH Department of Justice
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Delaney,

In accordance with NH RSA 30-B:12 the Belknap County Commissioners conducted an inspection of the correctional facility on January 23, 2013.

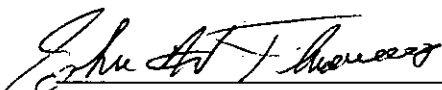
We found no managerial deficiencies or concerns.

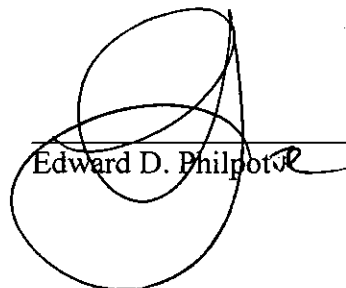
The condition of the facility is deteriorating. It was constructed in the 1880's with additions in the 1970's and 1980's. Due to our concern with the facility, we have had several engineers review the structure and condition of the building. In February of this year we requested a fire inspection be performed. The results identified several deficiencies relating to electrical, plumbing, ventilation, and fire safety concerns.

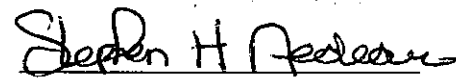
There are no concerns regarding the condition of the inmates. Their security is somewhat of an issue as we have failing locks that are no longer made & need constant repair. There are concerns relating to fire safety and the staff's ability to safely evacuate inmates from the building.

It is our intention to continue with our plan to build a new facility as soon as possible. We have taken many steps to facilitate this process already. We will seek funding for architecture & engineering before the end of 2013. In the meantime, we will continue with repairs as warranted and as funding will allow.

Sincerely,
Belknap County Commissioners


John H. Thomas, Chairman


Edward D. Philpot Jr


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