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Dr. Kathleen Hawk Sawyer
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
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Washington, D.C. 20534

Dear Dr. Hawk Sawyer:

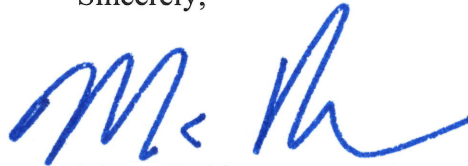
One year ago, Hurricane Michael hit Florida's panhandle, causing catastrophic damage to Marianna, and forcing Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Marianna to close for repairs.

FCI Marianna employs nearly 300 of Marianna's 7,000 residents. These guards, nurses, and facility administrators have been transferred to other locations, or are working temporary duty assignments out-of-state for weeks at a time. In February, the Bureau of Prisons informed my office that it expected the facility to be fully operational by December 2019. As I understand it, that estimate has now been pushed back to August 2020. As you can imagine, FCI Marianna's staff, and the community, are eager to have the facility return to normal operations.

For that reason, I respectfully request that the Bureau of Prisons brief my Washington, D.C. staff in order to provide repair updates and an expected time frame to reopen the facility. I look forward to continue working with you to help put these hardworking federal employees back to work in support of your mission and their community.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator