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Governor Scott McCallum
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor McCallum:

As you are aware, the 2001-03 biennial budget contains \$95.0 million to operate new or expanded correctional institutions. It is our understanding that while design work for some of the facilities has been completed, construction contracts have not yet been signed and remodeling has not yet begun for the Highview Correctional Facility, the Oshkosh Correctional Institution segregation unit, the inmate workhouses and the Probation and Parole Hold Facility in Sturtevant. Given the significant operating costs, we request that you not proceed further with construction or remodeling contracts associated with these facilities until after the Legislature has determined the facilities' appropriate staffing and funding levels.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brian Burke in cursive.

BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

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