

September 19, 2016

Thomas Kane, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20534

RE: McRae Correctional Facility

Dear Mr. Kane:

It is my understanding McRae Correctional Facility's 14-year contract performance will be assessed for contract renewal in the near future. This review has become more critical after the Federal Bureau of Prisons received a decree from the Department of Justice stating the end of contracts with Private Prisons.

As a taxpayer, I applaud the federal government's continuous review of its agencies, their performances and planning for future needs. However these evaluations and comparisons must be based on facts or the outcome will produce confusion, loss of revenue and inefficiencies in operations. I feel this was the case when the Department of Justice instructed the Federal Bureau of Prisons to cease association with private prisons because of the Department of Justice's findings of inferior service were based on using data from prisons operating at lower efficiencies and not taking into consideration prisons that are being operated at a high level of efficiency such as the McRae Correctional Facility. The comparisons, used to justify their decision, were not factual. For example, it would be similar to comparing the outcome of a baseball game that is conducted under basketball game rules.

I welcome your scrutiny of "our facility." For the past 14 years, McRae Correctional Facility has fulfilled its contract in an exemplary manner and provided the Federal Bureau of Prisons with what we think is your No. 1 performing private facility.

McRae Correctional Facility, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, also provides significant economic contribution to the City of McRae, Telfair County, and the surrounding area that includes at least ten neighboring counties. There are approximately 350 staff salaries, annual property taxes, and utilities that have been upgraded to accommodate the demand of the prison population; as well as purchasing local goods and services from the surrounding communities. McRae Correctional Facility is a major economic engine for this area. The dollars that are generated by this facility are a significant economic factor for this rural, economically distressed county.

I strongly support McRae Correctional Facility and respectfully ask that you give careful consideration to the 14 years of excellent service that has been provided to the Federal Bureau of Prisons by McRae Correctional Facility.

Sincerely,