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Dear Prosecutor Krause:

I've briefly communicated previously, but would like to more fully indicate the position of our organization, the Michigan Corrections Organization (MCO) regarding charges related to inmate, Daniel Henry, and his brutal assault and attempted murder of correctional officer Sam Olivo.

The MCO represents all state correctional officers in Michigan. Every single day officers put life and limb on the line protecting the public. The vicious attack on officer Olivo is of great concern, not only to his colleagues who work with him at Carson City, but also statewide. Correctional officers are a community and know that because they are mostly unseen, working "behind the walls", that often citizens and public officials undervalue their contribution in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

There is no question that inmate Daniel Henry tried to murder officer Olivo. We are asking you not to enter into any plea bargain deal with Henry. He deserves to be locked up for the rest of his life for what he has done. This is a man who was only a year from parole and was willing to throw it all away. He is a man who totally lacks impulse control and will be a threat to society for the rest of his life.

I respectfully ask you madam prosecutor, to consider the message that will be sent to other prisoners if you allow a deal to be struck. Correctional officers need the support of public officials --- prosecutors, judges, lawmakers --- to do what they can to protect those who are protecting the public.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope and pray you do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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