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Dear Colleagues:

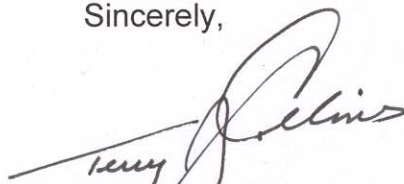
The Department has long recognized the value of engaging families during an offender's incarceration. I'm pleased to announce the continuation of the **ODRC Family Council**. The Council was first established in 2004 as part of The Ohio Plan for Productive Offender Reentry and Recidivism Reduction. Appointed council members are family members of offenders, community representatives and department staff.

The council works to assess and develop family-focused strategies that will positively impact the offender and their families and lead to successful family reunification and reentry into local communities. They review and give input on departmental policies, procedures and practices and discuss the impact on family members and the community.

Inviting family members and community leaders to the table of "everyday business" strengthens our commitment to the families and citizens of Ohio and assists the Department in managing the change necessary to enhance family bonds and improve an offender's chances of "going home to stay."

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Sincerely,



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