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Members of the Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2500
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

As you may be aware, in early August we requested that the chairmen of the Judiciary Committee conduct an informational hearing regarding the Risk Reduction Earned Credit program in order to clarify numerous issues that have arisen in recent months regarding the program and its administration. The chairs informed us on August 16 that they will not be holding such a forum.

It is our strong belief that the many questions and concerns surrounding this program must be further explored, and in the interest of public safety, we must not wait until the regular session next year to find answers and solutions to the problems that seem to be plaguing the risk reduction program.

Therefore, it is our intention to hold an informational public hearing for all interested Judiciary Committee members on September 18 in Room 2-C of the Legislative Office Building at a time to be determined. We plan to invite the Commissioner of Corrections Leo Arnone, the Chair of the Board of Pardons and Parole Erika Tindall, State Victim Advocate Michelle Cruz, and OPM Undersecretary Michael Lawlor to attend. We hope that the answers and explanations provided by these invitees will help us all agree on a path that can allow us to achieve the basic goals of the program while ensuring that the citizens of the state are adequately protected. We welcome your attendance and urge your cooperation and assistance in our goal. Thank you for your attention to this important and urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Senator John A. Kissel
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee

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Representative John Hetherington
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee