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Martha King
Executive Director
NYC Board of Correction
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Dear Ms. King:

I am writing to request a limited variance regarding the commingling of detainee and sentenced pregnant inmates at RMSC. I am requesting that the Board of Correction approve the variance for two months.

The Departments of Correction and Health and Mental Hygiene believe that the renewed commingling of detainee and sentenced inmates who are pregnant is a prudent and necessary measure. It facilitates medical monitoring of these inmates and reduces their exposure to the rest of the RMSC population, and specifically avoids exposure to seasonal and pandemic influenzas that may be prevalent in the general population. Additionally, the separation is an effective infection control measure for outbreaks such as chicken pox, measles, etc.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph Ponte'.

Joseph Ponte