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Derrick D. Cephas, Chair
NYC Board of Correction
1 Centre Street, Room 2213
New York, NY 10007

RE: Minimum Standards §5-04(g) "Supervision and Monitoring" – Transport Vehicle Camera Pilot Program and Written Report

Dear Mr. Cephas:

Pursuant to §5-04(g) of the New York City Board of Correction's ("Board") Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Minimum Standards, the Department shall institute a one-year pilot program to install video surveillance cameras in Department vehicles used to transport inmates. Further, by September 1, 2018, the Department shall provide a written report to the Board evaluating the results of this pilot program, including any benefits or challenges associated with the installation of video surveillance cameras in inmate transport vehicles. The NYC Department of Correction ("Department") is requesting an extension until March 1, 2019 for the submission of the written report and that the reporting period cover a six-month time frame.

The Department recognizes the importance and value of piloting the installation of cameras in vehicles used to transport inmates and had initially contemplated the installation of mobile cameras on all inmate transport vehicles. Due to the significant cost associated with comprehensive camera installation on all applicable DOC vehicles, in June 2017 an interim limited pilot was initiated on five (5) buses utilizing body cameras, pending a procurement for fixed mobile cameras. The use of fixed mobile cameras was directed towards the long-term goal of instituting a Genetec Mobile solution. In May 2018, a purchase order was issued for fixed mobile cameras. Currently, the Department is working with the vendor to install the fixed mobile cameras on one (1) bus. Following preliminary testing, by late-August or early September 2018, a pilot will commence to assess the feasibility of the Genetec Mobile solution using the fixed mobile cameras. Based on the success of the pilot and related analysis, funding will be sought for Department-wide expansion of the mobile solution to the entire transport fleet.

The additional time requested is necessary to enable the Department to commence the Genetec Mobile solution pilot and properly evaluate the benefits and challenges identified. The Department appreciates the Board's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia Brann".

Cynthia Brann

cc: Martha King, Executive Director