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May 24, 2021

Lillian Coppess, President  
The START Project  
Sent by email

Re: Inmate Visitation

Dear Lillian Coppess:

This is in response to your letter to Director David Shinn dated May 19, 2021 in regards to resuming in-person inmate visitation.

Thank you for the acknowledgment and support in the extraordinary efforts the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation & Reentry (ADCRR) has taken to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities. In collaboration with Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, we have successfully achieved a 99% recovery rate. Although it has been more than a year since ADCRR suspended in-person visitation, video visitation was quickly implemented. With COVID-19 case counts on the decline, ADCRR is in the process of finalizing a phased re-opening of in-person visitation, consistent with CDC and ADHS guidelines for a congregate-care setting.

Currently, we are administering the second dose of the vaccine in all of ADCRR's facilities and anticipate the phased re-opening of in-person visitation in the latter part of June. More specific details will soon be shared with all inmates, friends, family, the media and posted to the Department's website.

We recognize the significant challenges and sacrifices that everyone has experienced over the past year. We look forward to restoring in-person visitation while ensuring the safety of everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued support, acknowledgment of ADCRR's success, and inquiries during this pandemic. We trust the information above is responsive to your inquiry. Please feel free to contact this office with any additional questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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