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Dear CCSO Members:

On Tuesday, August 28, 2007, I along with the CCSO Attorney Tawni Parr, and the CCSO Executive Representatives had a meeting with the Director of DPA Mr. David Gilb regarding the benefit and wage package concerning unit 6 excluded employees. The MOU contract negotiations for the rank and file employees who are in unit 6 appear to be at impasse. It is unfortunate for all involved and CCSO hopes that the association representing unit 6 officers are able to obtain the most for their members. However, the delay in ratifying the MOU 6 contract has circumvented the July 1, 2007 benefit and wage package for the excluded employees tied to unit 6 in corrections.

CCSO has taken the position that DPA needs to change policy and announce the benefit and wage package for excluded employees without further delay. CCSO's State Board, Staff, and lobbyists have worked hard this year to promote and lobby for a good benefit and wage package for our members, tied to unit 6, and do not believe our supervisors and managers should wait for their package contingent on any MOU. If excluded employees do not have collective bargaining privileges, than they should not have to wait for collective bargaining agreements to be ratified.

I was given the task by the CCSO State President to work with the Governor's Office on this issue a few months ago, and have established an open dialogue with the Governor's Office. I want to thank Mr. Tom Sawyer, who is the Governor's Public Safety Liaison for opening the doors to meet with the Governor.

At my last meeting with Tom Sawyer, I was informed our package was officially delayed due to the unit 6 MOU. I immediately contacted the CCSO office and requested a meeting with DPA Director Dave Gilb be scheduled. The meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 was quite productive and informative. Mr. Gilb stated to the CCSO representatives that this issue was, "actively under consideration." When asked by the CCSO Chief Operations & Financial Officer Pat Le Sage if DPA had a time line for announcing the benefit and wage package for unit 6 excluded employees, DPA Director Gilb stated he was, "hopeful administration would make a decision within 30 days." CCSO will be meeting, with the Governor, on September 13th on this very issue in order to ensure that in 30 days the right decision is made.

I ask for your patience. Remember that excluded employees in corrections today are paving the way for the employees of tomorrow. Please note that CCSO has been working diligently on behalf of not only unit 6 excluded employees but for all excluded employees working in corrections. We are happy that pay raises are forthcoming to various classifications and will continue to meet on behalf of all excluded employees in corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gold".

Chris Gold, Sgt. at CSP-Sacramento
CCSO State Board Member

