



General Assembly  
State of Colorado  
Denver

August 6, 2013

Dear Members of the Joint Judiciary Committee,

Serious deficiencies in the operations of Intensive Supervision Parole (ISP) have come to light in recent months. During the 2013 session, the General Assembly authorized and appropriated the hiring of additional Department of Corrections (DOC) personnel to monitor and supervise parolees. The state has a new Executive Director of the DOC, Rick Raemisch, and a new Interim Director of the Division of Adult Parole, Steve Hager. The House and Senate Judiciary Committees have oversight responsibility for the DOC.

Accordingly, we have decided to hold a two-day meeting of the Joint Judiciary Committee to learn, among other things, what steps Directors Raemisch and Hager have taken to remedy the deficiencies in ISP and to ascertain whether those steps adequately protect the public.

This will be an official hearing of the Joint Judiciary Committee and your attendance is required. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2013, and continue the next day, Friday, September 27. Members of the committee will receive *per diem* and travel expenses for attending.

With your assistance, we will develop a structured agenda for the meeting, which will address only the ISP. Topics will include:

- a general overview of ISP that includes a historical perspective and details of how the program works;
- costs and resource demands;
- statistical data;
- the role of technology;
- staff ratios;
- an update on the hiring and utilization of new FTE appropriated during the 2013 session;
- an update on the independent audit of the parole system as it relates to ISP; and
- consideration of whether ISP, as administered at the time of the hearing, adequately protects the public and, if there are doubts, what might be done to resolve those doubts.

We would appreciate the committee's input in two ways in the creation of the agenda. First, if you have specific questions for the DOC, which are not susceptible to reply without advance notice, those questions should be submitted by close of business on Friday, August 30, 2013, to Jessica Shipley, Legislative Council Staff, at [jessika.shipley@state.co.us](mailto:jessika.shipley@state.co.us). This will provide ample time for the department to collect the best data possible. Second, if you would like to hear from a particular person on the subject of ISP (there will be no public testimony at this meeting), please submit the name(s) to Ms. Shipley by August 30 as well.

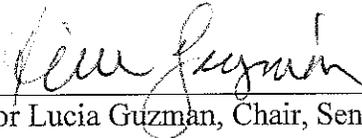
Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions or concerns. You may also contact Ms. Shipley or Hillary Smith (Senate Judiciary Committee Staff) at (303) 866-3277 or [hillary.smith@state.co.us](mailto:hillary.smith@state.co.us) for assistance. Thank you and we look forward to a thorough and productive meeting with you all.

Sincerely,



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Representative Daniel Kagan, Chair, House Judiciary Committee



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Senator Lucia Guzman, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee