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Honorable Bill Haslam,
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Your Honor,

Please see the Resolution in opposition to the privatization of the Morgan County Correctional Complex. Morgan County and the Tennessee Department of Corrections have an historical relationship spanning over a century. I and other county officials feel very strongly that we must not privatize any part of our correctional institute's operations, especially security. We know that some duties have already undergone process and implementation changes that streamlines the services rendered.

We are not asking you to reverse any improvement that you feel you have made but we are asking you to halt any plans that will remove the direct supervision, punishment, and rehabilitation of state inmates from the Tennessee State Government, especially in Morgan County, and convey that responsibility to a private entity.

Morgan County appreciates your diligent service to Morgan County and to our great State, particularly with our nation's economy suffering an anemic recovery. We feel you're doing an outstanding job keeping Tennessee a vibrant, business-friendly destination in which we are all very proud to call home.

God's Blessings Always,

Don Edwards
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