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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections, I am committed to operating a safe and secure prison system. Thru the implementation of enhanced prison based treatment prevention programs, community corrections can result in the successful reentry of inmates into society. In the midst of significant challenges created by our declining economy, the Department continues to realize many successes. More than a dozen risk reduction programs are provided to inmates in each facility, ultimately increasing public safety by reducing recidivism.

One of those programs is called Kairos Prison Ministry. I have encouraged their program in 28 of our correctional facilities, including men, women and youth facilities. I would be excited to have Kairos in more of our correctional facilities in Georgia.

To the incarcerated in Georgia's prisons, Kairos Prison Ministry is a steppingstone to changed lives. Volunteers freely give their time, talent and treasure to include the men, women and youthful offenders into this Christian faith based program. Because of the positive impact of Kairos, Georgia's institutions encourage participation in inmate program activities. The influence of Kairos is evident in the attitude, improved behavior, and accountability of the graduates. There is a definitive change in those who have attended. They now have tools to make better decisions and choices in their lives.

The structure, training and discipline of Kairos volunteers are admirable assets. It is obvious that much effort is put into the honing of their skills that affect the outcome of the Kairos program. I am delighted to have Kairos in Georgia's institutions. It is a quality program and a win-win for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

Brian Owens
Commissioner