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Pat Hardy, President/Clerk
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Dear Pat:

This letter is to voice my continued support for the Alternatives To Violence Program (AVP), and its application at the California Correctional Center (CCC). Through your core group of dedicated volunteer facilitators, AVP has touched the lives of many members of our prison population, effectively reducing the level of violence and in-prison misbehavior for those who have completed the program. As a regular participant in the graduation ceremonies conducted at the conclusion of each AVP presentation, I marvel at the dramatic change in attitude demonstrated by the program participants, especially on the issue of race relations and conflict resolution.

As you may know, we have made a concerted effort to recruit local area volunteers to become AVP Facilitators. Although we have thus far been unsuccessful, we will continue to do everything possible to recruit new volunteers. In the mean time, your core group of AVP Facilitators have indicated a desire to continue facilitating the program at CCC, even though doing so requires traveling extensive distances. The dedication of this group far exceeds what one might expect from a normal volunteer, and I cannot express my appreciation enough for their ongoing efforts.

In conclusion, it is my hope that AVP can continue to provide this extremely important and effective program to the prison population of CCC. I am certain that the institution, and the public are well served by the efforts of your volunteers, and their pursuit of reducing violence in our society.

On behalf of the staff and inmates of CCC, thank you for all that you have done to bring AVP to Susanville. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 257-2181, extension 4104, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


KATHY PROSPER
Warden