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Kevin A. Carr, Secretary  
Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections  
3099 East Washington Avenue  
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Madison, WI 53707-7925

**RE: Your letter dated 3/28/19 about SRCCCY grant**

Dear Secretary Carr,

After an introductory telephone call with new DOC Tribal Liaison Melissa Roberts this morning, which included a discussion of Lincoln Hills and the proposed Secure Residential Care Centers (SRCCs), she sent us a copy of your letter dated March 28 to “County and Tribal Partners” regarding the process for submitting a letter of interest to the Grants Committee for SRCCs. Ms. Roberts explained that Assistant Deputy Secretary Shannon Carpenter sent the letter to the Wisconsin Counties Association for distribution to the counties but did not forward it on to any tribes or tribal partners because she did not know who to send it to.

In light of that fact, please accept this letter of interest on behalf of the Tribes in Wisconsin. As Ms. Roberts suggests in her email accompanying your letter, please accept our letter as a “placeholder” for any tribe who may be interested in applying for a grant and establishing a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth.

We will forward your letter on to the tribal chairpersons/presidents and request that you discuss this issue with them when you meet in Madison April 8. We are grateful to Ms. Roberts for bringing this to our attention and look forward to meeting you and her. We see this as an opportunity to work with you and the new Evers Administration on an area of concern for us all – the welfare of our youth and how to provide an environment conducive to correcting negative behavior in a structured, educational, and positive way.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. LaBine  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Tribal Chairmen and Presidents in Wisconsin  
Shannon Carpenter, Assistant Deputy Secretary  
Melissa Roberts, Director – Office of Detention Facilities and DOC Tribal Liaison