

# United States Senate

June 21, 2019

Mr. Bryan R. Christie  
1434 Lacey Street  
Fairbanks, AK 99701-6208

Dear Mr. Christie,

I contacted the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) regarding the prison conditions at the Terre Haute federal penitentiary, and specifically your concerns in regards to Mr. Schaeffer Cox. While the BOP is very limited regarding the release of information about specific inmates at the request of third parties, they did provide the information below in regard to their prison policies on health and safety concerns; there is no further information they can provide me about Mr. Cox:

“The Bureau of Prisons provides a safe, humane, and secure environment for those serving sentences imposed by the United States Courts. All inmates are made aware during Admission and Orientation (during presentation by staff and in the institution handbook provided to all inmates) that, per Program Statement 5511.07, they can make both informal and formal requests to staff at any time. This includes issues regarding safety and security concerns.

All inmates have access to medical, dental, and mental health services in a manner consistent with accepted community standards for a correctional environment. Each institution in the Bureau has full time medical staff, and mental health staff to include emergency care, routine care, and health education programs, per Program Statement 6031.04 and in accordance with American Corrections Association (ACA) standards and the Joint Commission certification.”

I understand you are passionate about this issue, however, it is more appropriate to pursue any advocacy on behalf of Mr. Cox through his legal representation. Repeated contact with me on this issue will not change my ability to assist you in this matter.

I have also included below, the contact information for filing complaints against federal prosecutors, judges, and correctional institutions:

- For complaints against federal judges please visit: [http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov/misconduct/judicial\\_misconduct.html](http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov/misconduct/judicial_misconduct.html).
- For complaints against federal prosecutors please visit: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/resources/crime-victims-rights-ombudsman/filing-complaint>.
- For complaints regarding the Federal Bureau of Prisons institutions or personnel: <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/index.htm>.

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These are the appropriate entities to handle any relevant complaints. I understand that this is not the answer that you would like to hear. I hope the above resources are helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Sullivan  
United States Senator