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Subject: Urgent Need to Close Green Bay Correctional Institution and Address Safety Concerns in the Wisconsin Prison System

Dear [Legislator’s Name],

I am writing to you as a concerned constituent and member of JOSHUA (Justice Organization Sharing Hope and United for Action) to urge you to take decisive action in addressing the issues surrounding the Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI). This facility, which opened in 1898, is not only outdated but also poses significant challenges to public safety, fiscal responsibility, and humane treatment.

The state has long acknowledged the aging infrastructure of GBCI, which struggles to meet modern correctional standards. The prison is overcrowded with over 1,000 people in a 749 maximum capacity facility. According to available data, maintaining such a facility drains resources that could be better allocated toward community-based rehabilitation programs, mental health services, and crime prevention efforts.

Furthermore, the conditions at GBCI raise serious concerns about human dignity and safety for both those incarcerated and staff. This calls for justice reinvestment on many fronts such as providing independent oversight (Ombudsman) for those incarcerated and the staff to ensure that the safety concerns are being met without bias.

I urge you to advocate for the closure of Green Bay Correctional Institution and to work toward a comprehensive, humane, and cost-effective plan for Wisconsin’s correctional system. I stand ready to support these efforts in any way I can and am eager to see leadership that prioritizes progress.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to hearing how you plan to address these critical concerns.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]