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November 3, 2023

Jason Gerhard 30 Fellows Hill Rd. Belmont, NH 03220

Dear Mr. Gerhard,

Thank you for your volunteer application to offer spiritual care for the inmate population at Merrimack County Department of Corrections.

After review of your application and the department's policy, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be approved at this time. The application states at the end of Page 2, "Applicant must be...and not subject to any correctional supervision for at least 5 years." According to the answer you provided on your application, you do not meet this criteria.

As Superintendent, I have the responsibility to uphold the department's policy and procedure, which supports the goals, methods, safety/security of the facility. As such, I unfortunately cannot make any exceptions.

Notwithstanding, please know that this is not meant to depreciate your skills or abilities as a volunteer. I do appreciate your interest in our department.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Travis J. Cushman Superintendent