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Franklin County Commissioners  
140 Main Street  
Farmington Maine

Dear Commissioners Barker, Brann and Commissioner-elect Harvell:

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Board of Visitors (BOV) for the Franklin County Detention Center (FCDC). As required by state statute Sheriff Scott Nichols appointed the Board in August 2019. The current membership is Jan Collins, Jeffrey Kerr, Richard Lumb and me, Ellen Grunblatt. Previous membership included Michael Burd and Andrew Robinson, who have since rotated off the BOV.

We are required by statute to submit a yearly report to you. Members of the BOV made a number of visits to the FCDC in late 2019 and early 2020, interviewing staff and inmates and compiling a report on our findings, which was finalized in July 2020. Although the submission of this report has been delayed we want to keep you up to date on conditions at the jail. There are several problems that will require attention in the near future. We are enclosing a copy of both the report and Sheriff Nichols' response to it. We will be updating this report on a yearly basis.

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please be in contact with us if you have questions, at franklin.county.me.bov@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Ellen Grunblatt, on behalf of the Board of Visitors, Franklin County Detention Center