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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Ryan Thornell
Director, Arizona Department of Corrections,
Rehabilitation, and Reentry
1601 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Director Thornell,

Your cooperation thus far with the House and Senate's respective inquiries into the April 4th Tucson Prison Complex murders is appreciated. After reviewing your responses to our previous letters, we feel the need to expand our investigations. While we appreciate your participation, it must be noted that over the last several months, troubling information has come to surface – through our own investigations, credible media reports, and meetings we have entertained – suggesting nothing less of a disaster in your facilities.

Additional information has come to light regarding your department's declining use of maximum custody housing, reduced deterrence for serious inmate misconduct, lapses in oversight regarding Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), increases in inmate deaths and suicides, staff assaults, and use of prohibited contraband.

At the center of this matter is a fundamental principle: the public and the legislature have the right to know what is happening within our state's prison system.

Pursuant to A.R.S § 39-121 et seq., we jointly request the following public records and information:

1. All Mortality Review Reports for inmate deaths from the past four years including suicides, overdoses, and homicides. Please include medical review, preliminary findings, autopsy results, and any internal assessments or contributing factor summaries.
2. Narcan administration Logs and Incident Reports from the past four years specifying dates, facility, and report created on the incident.
3. Medication Assisted Treatment Documents (MAT)
 - a. Monthly counts of inmate receiving MAT per facility.
 - i. Including data two years prior to the implementation of MAT
 - b. Any reports, memos, or internal communication regarding misuse or overprescription.

4. All Restrictive Housing Monthly Review Reports from the past four years.
5. Daily Rast Unit Census Logs from past four years showing beds by custody level indicating how many beds are in use versus how many remain unutilized for max custody. Provide any related documents that repurposed beds for different custody levels.
6. Field Briefing Reports (FBRs) and Significant Incident Reports (SIRs) from the past four years.
7. All Morning Summary Reports from last four years.
8. All Tier IV Operational Business Reviews from the last four years.
9. Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Chief, and Warden Meeting Minutes for the past four years.
10. All staff notifications and reports since Jan 1, 2023.
11. Monthly statistics from the past four years showing the total number of:
 - a. Inmate overdoses
 - b. Inmate suicides
 - c. Inmate deaths
 - d. Staff assaults
 - e. Confiscated weapons, drugs, and electronic devices
 - f. Disciplinary actions against staff
 - g. Disciplinary actions against inmates
12. Policies, programs, trainings, or memos that relate to any of the following:
 - a. Diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - b. Gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation
 - c. "Inclusive" practices relating to inmate classification, housing, clothing, grooming, hygiene and cosmetic products and medical care

If any documents are withheld, please provide an index of the withheld records along with the justification for withholding, pursuant to A.R.S § 39-121.01(D)(2).

Please produce all records requested in this letter not later than June 25, 2025. We look forward to your prompt and thorough response.

Respectfully,



Senator Kevin Payne



Representative Quang Nguyen