



May 8, 2018

*Sent via email to publicaffairs@fdc.myflorida.com
and co.publicrecords@fdc.myflorida.com*

Michelle Glady, Director of Communications
Florida Department of Corrections
501 South Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Public Records Request Regarding DOC Budget Cuts

Dear Ms. Glady,

The Florida Campaign for Criminal Justice Reform (FLCCJR) is concerned by the \$28 million inhumane and counterproductive budget cuts to substance abuse treatment, transitional housing, community-based reentry services and mental health services announced by the Florida Department of Corrections.

There are a number of better alternatives to addressing FDOC's budget shortfall than cutting critical programs that are proven to help incarcerated people transition from prison to healthy, productive lives and prevent them from reoffending. For instance, dozens of other states have adopted bipartisan criminal justice reforms that are reducing prison populations, saving tax dollars and improving public safety. Meanwhile, FDOC, the Scott administration and legislators have turned a blind eye to Florida's excessive incarceration policies, and the financial strain resulting from over-incarceration.

FLCCJR looks to understand whether other options - such as legislative action or use of rainy day funds - were considered before announcing these misguided and dangerous budget cuts.

Pursuant to the state open records law Fla. Stat. Secs. 119.01 to 119.15, I write on behalf of FLCCJR to request access to:

- Electronic copies of all emails dated from March 11, 2018 to present related to the recently announced budget shortfall and/or cuts to program funding sent to or from Secretary Julie Jones, Chief Financial Officer Kimberly Banks, Budget and Financial Management Chief Mark Tallent, and/or Community Programs Chief Shawn Satterfield.
- Copies of any cost analysis or report related to these budget cuts.

If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does, including the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$100. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document. And please provide the responses in electronic form, if possible, to keep the costs down.

I request your response within ten (10) business days.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I note that willful violation of the open records law can result in your being fined up to \$1,000, imprisoned for up to one year, or both. See Fla. Stat. Sec. 119.10. Litigation costs and attorney fees may also be awarded. See Sec. 119.12.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shalini Goel Agarwal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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