



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"

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Commissioner Marc Antrim
Department of Corrections
802 3rd Street
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Commissioner Antrim,

We are very concerned with the staffing levels at the correctional facilities and the rising number of prisoners at some of our institutions. For example, in Fairbanks there are currently almost 80 prisoners housed in our gym with only two toilets and one shower with a small day-room for 80 prisoners!

Their emergency cap is 211 prisoners, and as of today there are 324 prisoners housed there. That is 113 over their emergency cap. Needless to say, this lack of space and inadequate facilities would have never been tolerated under Cleary.

We are concerned about the safety of prisoners and staff under these conditions. Can you please tell us the Department of Correction's stance on Cleary, if you are following it, or if you feel you are not bound by it?

Thank you,

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