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Ms. Gina Saunders
Essex County Juvenile Detention Center
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Via Electronic Mail: gsaunders@essexcountynj.org

Dear Ms. Saunders:

Congratulations to the Essex Juvenile Detention Center on compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards as verified by the completion of your recent audit conducted on February 25th and 26th. I know this process was not achieved by any single person, but the result of the hard work at every level of staff at your facility.

Your final PREA Auditor's Summary Report is attached. Please post this on the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center website as your final step in compliance. My final step is to submit a report to the PREA Resource Center on the completion of your audit. I cannot do this until I have verified that your audit is posted on your website. Please email me when the audit is posted so that I can complete my final step.

We so much enjoyed working with your team. We were extremely impressed with the level of commitment your staff had to the overall well being of the youth that you serve. You run an exceptional facility. You can be very proud of the professionalism and commitment of your staff in reaching this accomplishment.

As I stated to you previously, do not hesitate to contact me anytime. Although your audit has been completed, my service to you does not end. If you ever have any PREA questions, I would be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Candace L. Snyder
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cc: George Fillie-Faboe, PREA Coordinator
Linda Bass, PREA Compliance Manager