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Dear Fellow Mississippians:

I am pleased to present the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) 2012 Annual Report. This report represents the scope and depth of this agency and its staff during Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. It also provides an in-depth profile of the state's felony population and MDOC's tradition of prudent accountability and excellence in public service to the citizens of Mississippi.

I am proud of our many accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2012, and am pleased to share a summary with you.

- Offenders in the Community Work Centers contributed \$17,772,600 in free labor to local, county, state and non-profit charitable organizations throughout the state during Fiscal Year 2012. Also, offenders in the Joint County-State Work Programs contributed \$13,692,640 in free labor to local, county, state and non-profit charitable organizations during Fiscal Year 2012.
- During Fiscal Year 2012, educational programs offered to inmates resulted in 5,232 inmates successfully completing the following programs: General Education Development (GED) – 651, Vocational Trades – 930 and Alcohol & Drug – 3,651.
- The Mississippi Department of Corrections has reduced the recidivism rate from 30.31% to 27.65% in the last five years. This reduction has created an estimated annual cost avoidance of \$8,562,126 for the agency.
- The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) or house arrest has resulted in an estimated total cost avoidance of \$64,028,592 from fiscal years 2000-2012.
- Since its inception in 2004 under Section 47-7-4 of state law, the Conditional Medical Release Program has resulted in an estimated total cost avoidance of at least \$6,137,203.
- MDOC has saved over \$19,100,000 from January 2009 through June 2012 as a result of the Division of Medicaid paying for services provided to Medicaid eligible inmates. MDOC reimburses Medicaid at the state match portion of the provider statement.
- MDOC has a self-insured Workers Compensation Program that yields an average cost savings of over \$400,000 each year. The program began on January 1, 2005.
- MDOC has saved approximately \$1,900,000 in field officers' salaries each year by requiring offenders to pay supervision fees via electronic methods. In June 2009, MDOC eliminated field officers' duty of collecting fees from supervised offenders. This duty required 12% of officers' time.

- Since November 2000, MDOC has provided services to victims. The primary function of the Division of Victims Services (DVS) is to register crime victims requesting notification prior to an inmate's release. At the end of June, 5,562 victims were registered with the program. The services include:
 - Offender status
 - Crisis intervention
 - Information regarding the Crime Victim Compensation Program and Crime Victims' Rights
 - Liaison with law enforcement agencies and field officers
 - Restitution matters
 - Protective orders
 - Addressing harassment by offenders
 - Support and assistance during victim/offender dialogue
 - Meetings with the Parole Board
 - Preparation/Escort services during executions
- Mississippi's Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification Service (MS SAVIN) is a vital tool for information providing added safety not only for individual victims, but also to the community as a whole. SAVIN is designed to provide registered victims/survivors real time information on state inmates and offenders housed in participating county jails. Registered users have access to timely information on offenders 24 hours a day by calling an 800 number and by accessing the Vinelinks internet website. At the end of Fiscal Year 2012, 80 counties were participating in SAVIN with an additional county soon to follow, bringing the total to 81 counties. SAVIN also implemented four additional services: CHOICE, Data Bridge, SMS, and Registration Link.

With continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, I look forward to the challenges we face together in the coming year.

It is an honor to serve as your Commissioner.

Sincerely,



Christopher B. Epps
Commissioner