STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
PELICIA E. HALL, Esq.  
COMMISSIONER  
January 9, 2020  

Mr. Rob Dowdle  
Legislative Budget Office  
Woolfolk Building,  
Jackson, MS  39215  

Re: MDOC Deficit Request  

Dear Rob:  

The Mississippi Department of Corrections has reviewed all programs as of January 9, 2020 and has determined that deficit funding will be required in the Medical, Regional, and Private Facilities programs during FY 2020. We estimate the Medical Program will have a deficit of approximately $3,600,000. The biggest contributing factor to this deficit situation is that over $8,000,000 of FY 2019 obligations have been paid with FY 2020 appropriations.  

We further estimate the Regional Facilities Program will have a deficit of approximately $3,200,000. The Regional Facilities have had an increase in population over the budgeted population due to severe staffing shortages that exist within state-operated facilities.  

In addition, due to the recent emergency movement of inmates from Units 32 and 29 at MSP to the Tutwiler facility, the Private Prison Program will also require deficit funding during FY 2020. Depending on the number of inmates transferred to Tutwiler the deficit funding for this program will be $2,129,400 (364 inmates x 90 days x $65 per day) or $5,850,000 (1,000 x 90 days x $65 per day).  

To summarize, if 364 inmates are transferred, the deficit requirement for MDOC during FY 2020 will be:
Medical $3,600,000  
Regionals $3,200,000  
Privates $2,129,400  
**Totals** $8,929,400

If 1000 inmates are transferred, the deficit requirement for MDOC during FY 2020 will be:

Medical $3,600,000  
Regionals $3,200,000  
Privates $5,850,000  
**Totals** $12,650,000

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding the estimated FY 2020 deficit.

Sincerely,

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Pelicia E. Hall  
Commissioner, MDOC

cc: Dell Lemley, MDOC DCAF