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Dear Colonel Currie:

This correspondence is in response to your letter Hugh J. Hurwitz, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, dated March 13, 2019. In your letter, you state the union at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC), New York has persuaded management to give shift and assignment priority to bargaining unit employees over Public Health Service (PHS) employees. You requested the Bureau of Prisons look into this matter.

As you are already aware, on February 22, 2018, the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) issued a decision regarding the bidding procedures for Public Health Service (PHS) staff and bargaining unit medical staff. Institution Chief Executive Officers were advised of the FLRA decision and to implement any necessary changes, to comply with the decision, at the next roster change. MCC New York reports there has been no shift or assignment priority favoring bargaining unit employees over PHS employees.

I trust this information addresses your concerns. Should you have any additional questions, please let me know. I can be reached at 202-307-3082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Griffith".

L. Cristina Griffith
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