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Dear Sylvester:

I want to thank you for your letter dated October 20th, 2014. I shared the letter with the Attorney General, and he appreciated everything you said. The Attorney General is, first and foremost, a public servant. Attorney General DeWine's mission, and his entire Law Enforcement Division goal, is to protect Ohioans. The most visible parts of our mission are in the investigation of crimes and the prosecution of criminals.

But we believe that it is never too late for an inmate to make a positive change in their life. That is why the Attorney General supports programs like Horizon. Even for those inmates who may never be released, we believe that they should be given the opportunity to embrace a path of continued growth and reconciliation. And for those inmates who will be released; we hope Horizon gives you the tools, confidence, and compassion to reenter society as redeemed men.

It was humbling for me to hear that our presence and participation in the Horizon program has helped you see that we are not enemies. The Attorney General supports any person who genuinely tries to change their lives for the better. On behalf of the Attorney General, and for myself personally, I want to thank you for taking the time to write your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jeff Hunsaker, Executive Director