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Molly Otto Manager of Library Services Colorado Joint Legislative Library State Capitol Building 200 East Colfax #048 Denver, CO 80203-1784

Dear Ms. Otto:

Section 24-76.5-103 (9), C.R.S., requires each state department that administers a program that provides state or local public benefits to provide an annual report demonstrating compliance with the provisions of H.B. 06S-1023 (Verification of Lawful Presence Required for Public Benefits). The Colorado Department of Corrections has previously consulted our legal counsel at the Office of the Attorney General regarding this issue. It is my understanding that the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) does not have any programs that provide state or local public benefits. As a public safety agency, the CDOC has an obligation of supervising offenders who are in our legal custody, regardless of whether or not they are in the United States lawfully.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our compliance with the reporting requirements delineated in Section 24-76.5-103 (9), C.R.S. I can be reach at 719-226-4705. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Bennett

Director of Finance and Administration

cc: Kellie Wasko, Department of Corrections

