



Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association

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Dear Commissioner Hill,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Middle Atlantic States Corrections Association (MASCA), I wish to extend our congratulations to you on your recent appointment as the Commissioner of the Division of Correction with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The commitment and leadership you've shown over many years – as a Deputy Commissioner, Warden, Assistant Warden, Case Manager and Correctional Officer in progressively senior roles – will undoubtedly serve DPSCS well during these historically challenging times, which have impacted our lives and our industry.

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is dedicated to promoting the highest standards of excellence and professionalism in criminal and juvenile justice by creating a support system for professionals at all levels in the correctional system. We have provided an educational forum for networking, problem-solving, and leadership development across state boundaries. During these demanding times we continue to promote the public image of institutional and community corrections through various platforms.

I look forward to personally meeting and working with you on global Correctional matters to include many of MASCA's strategic priorities for the years ahead — bringing solidarity and cooperation across the profession, providing leadership to advance, and influencing our industry to achieve better outcomes. Each, naturally, resonates with MASCA and its membership.

This past year, our members have enjoyed the opportunity to participate with several professional organizations affiliated to MASCA exploring cutting edge services. In doing so, we were able to offer expertise for the development of an evidence-based opinion document that have framed issues on global needs in this area.

We hope MASCA will have further opportunities to collaborate with DPSCS on such important issues during your tenure. Many exciting opportunities await you, and we wish you every success and professional fulfillment in your new role. During our last Board meeting we voted to provide ALL corrections agencies in our jurisdiction the opportunity for all staff to become Agency Members, which I personally extend to you at this time.

Sincerely,

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