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To: All Maine County Commissioners

Now that the FY10 budget approval process is over it is time to address the FY11 budget process. The Board of Corrections is beginning its review of each county's correctional services budget for FY11 with the intention of having the necessary information available when the Appropriations Committee begins its budgetary discussions in January of 2010. It is important to re-emphasize the current financial limitations that are affecting governmental spending across the country; Maine is no exception.

The Corrections Working Group/Budget Focus Group has sent each county an initial template for their jail budget and is asking that it be returned to the Budget Focus Group by October 1, 2009. Please review your FY11 Budget as an extension of your FY10 approved correctional services budget and make the necessary revisions. Revised FY11 budgets should be simply a status quo budget – what it will take for your county to continue to operate at the FY10 levels.

Much like the FY10 budget approvals, the BOC's review and approval of FY11 budgets will be a process that balances available resources, compelling needs, and system efficiencies. I appreciate that these are uncertain times and thank you in advance for your cooperation, innovation and patience.

Please contact Budget Focus Group Chairs, Bob Devlin (622-0971) or Scott Ferguson (287-4387) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Neale A. Duffett
Chairman

cc: All Maine Sheriffs