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Members, Board of Corrections

Flat Funding Impact Statement

Dear Members:

Let me set the stage to tell you what could happen with flat funding and a loss of Federal Revenue. If we lose a substantial number of federal inmates so that other jails can meet their budget requirements we will have to have what BOC should have been funding us the past 2 years (\$314,563.00) not the reduced amount we actually have received (\$157,281.00). If we maintained our Federal revenue at our estimated amount (\$210,000.00) and the cost of goods and services were to stay what they were in FY13 then we would be \$215,450.00 in the hole at the end of FY14. If Piscataquis was to lose our Federal revenue entirely we would be in the hole \$425,450.00 at the end of FY14. I hope that you can see the impact that Flat Funding combined with a possibility of loss of Federal Revenue would do to the Piscataquis County Jail.

On top of the above scenario we jails that use part time employees will have to comply with a new state mandate that all part time employees be trained to full time standards. At Piscataquis County, just in wages for training we are looking at approximately \$ 10,560.00 and this Does Not include Mileage, Meals or Training costs. This also does not taken into

consideration that part time Officer who may not be able to find two (2) weeks' time to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to become compliant with this new law leaving us shorthanded to fill shifts for sickness and vacations. Looking down the road, who looking for a part time job already working full time, will have a Boss or vacation time that will allow for six (6) weeks training! How will county jails survive continued flat and/or underfunding that we are experiencing now?

Sincerely

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