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Honorable Stewart J. Greenleaf
Member, Senate of Pennsylvania
27 North York Road
Willow Grove, Pa. 19090-3419

Dear Honorable Greenleaf:

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The proposal as submitted by Mr. Martin certainly would fill the vacuum at St. Lucy Day School created by the dearth of persons available to transcribe print into braille. I am totally unfamiliar with the rules and regulations of the State Correctional System and while nothing in Mr. Martin's proposal appears to be inappropriate to me, that maybe a naive and uninformed judgement on my part. If anything can be worked out so that Mr. Martin's proposal can be brought into action, it would indeed be to the advantage of the students at St. Lucy Day School.

If I can be of any assistance in expediting the situation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mercedes J. McCann, R.S.M.
Director of Special Education
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cc: Thomas Martin, A.F.-8255

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