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RE: PRESS RELEASE-CALIFORNIA TO ALLOW DOMESTIC PARTNERS CONJUGAL VISITS.

Mr. Wright,

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform your office that the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation has amended regulations, to permit Domestic Partners to have conjugal visits. The text of the proposed press release is as follows.

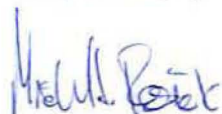
"On March 23, 2007, as a result of California Assembly Bill 205, and the resulting amendment to California Family Code Section 297.5(a), the California Department of Corrections proposed an amendment to the California Code of Regulations, to permit conjugal visits with domestic partners. According to the Initial Statement of Reasons, the CDCR finds that "[m]any Californians have formed lasting, committed, and caring relationships with persons of the same sex.[] This amendment would extend the rights of persons registered as domestic partners such that, registered partners of inmates would be given the same rights as those provided to spouses."

For your reference, please find a copy of the proposed rule change, entitled Notice of Change to Regulations, Number 07/04. Any revisions made to this can be viewed at <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov>.

You may find this very interesting, in the progressive State of California.

Should your office have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address listed at the top of this page. I am subscriber number 3755.

Very truly yours,



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