



HENRY McMASTER, Governor
BRYAN P. STIRLING, Director

February 3, 2023

Mr. A. Manning Lynch, Chairman
Spartanburg County Council

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Attached you will find copies of our reports on the latest inspections conducted at the Spartanburg County Detention Center and Annex. Although the information has previously been shared with the Detention Administration, which has been addressing those issues within their ability to control, the reports are also being provided to Spartanburg County Council so that you can be sure to comprehend the magnitude of deficiencies which are directly or indirectly related to overcrowding and staffing shortages.

We were pleased to learn a few months ago that planning is underway to add living space at the Detention Center on California Avenue. The purpose of this, as we currently understand, is to prepare for closing the Annex Building on Daniel Morgan Avenue. We support efforts to do that, especially since the Annex was opened more than thirty years ago as a "temporary" site to alleviate some of the overcrowding but was never intended to become a long term facility. While the proposed addition to the Main Jail will be a welcome substitute for the Annex, it will not address existing overcrowding. Therefore, we encourage you to proceed with the immediate implementation of the current project without delay but simultaneously to launch an initiative for developing your strategy and timetable on further expansion to accommodate the overcrowding.

So that we will have an official understanding of your comprehensive plan prior to our next inspection of your facilities, it is requested that you submit a response on behalf of County Council no later than May 2, 2023. If you desire additional information or clarification in the meantime, please let me know. I am also willing to meet in person if you believe that my doing so would be helpful.

Please let me know if we may be of assistance in any other way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake E. Taylor, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "T".

Blake E. Taylor, Jr., Division Director
Compliance, Standards, and Inspections

Cover Letter to Spartanburg County Council
Re: Spartanburg County Detention Center
Inspection Reports Information and Inquiry
February 3, 2023

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Attachments: 2

cc: Mr. B. Cole Alverson, County Administrator
Mr. Chuck Wright, Sheriff
Mr. Christopher Leso, Detention Commander