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Mr. Don Head, Commissioner  
Correctional Service of Canada  
340 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Head,

The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) is writing to you in regards to the recent report by the Office of the Correctional Investigator highlighting that prisons are not consistently providing rehabilitation programs to offenders.

The OCI suggests that rehabilitation programs are not always available to inmates due to lack of funding, or availability of program facilitators. Inmates are being placed on long waiting lists, which may delay their conditional release, and may eventually prevent them from participating in rehabilitation programs. Warkworth penitentiary was cited as having 103 sex offenders on a waiting list for the National Maintenance Sex Offender Program.

Howard Sapers, the Correctional Investigator, said that inmates are often not receiving the "necessary programs and treatment to increase their chance of success in the community".

The CRCVC is distressed to learn about sex offenders who may not received adequate treatment before being re-released into society and ask that you explain how the Service is working to remedy this serious public safety concern.

Sincerely,

Heidi Illingworth  
Executive Director