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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Division of Personnel Administrative Rules, Per 1205.02 (c), "Unpaid Leave", authorize the Department of Corrections to grant a **Retroactive** unpaid leave of absence for [redacted] for a period of one hundred and thirty-seven (137) days, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of August 16, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

EXPLANATION

The Administrative Rules of Personnel allow the appointing authority to place an employee on an unpaid leave of absence without pay for a period not to exceed three months. The employee was granted leave for the period of February 23, 2026, through August 15, 2026. We are seeking Governor and Council approval to extend the unpaid leave.

In connection with a related medical condition, [redacted] is unable to return to work as [redacted] medical doctors projected. This request is due to the fact the employee will have exhausted all sick leave and began Income Protection Plan (IPP) on February 23, 2026. [redacted] has worked for New Hampshire Department of Corrections since October 08, 2021, and needs additional time for recovery and recuperation, which may allow [redacted] to return to work at the end of the leave extension.

Your approval of 137 days would be greatly appreciated.

This request is being submitted retroactively due to an oversight within the Human Resources Bureau. A training gap was recently identified, and the Bureau is taking steps to provide additional training to staff to ensure these requests are properly identified and submitted in a timely manner moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner

cc: Human Resources