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UPDATE REGARDING FORMER FCI DUBLIN INMATES
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On November 21, 2024, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) entered a Consent Decree with remaining Class Members in the care and custody of the FBOP, who were formerly at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Dublin and now are assigned to other FBOP locations or community confinement. On February 25, 2025, the Court approved the terms of the Consent Decree. This Consent Decree will provide an added layer of oversight to ensure that Class Members can trust that their needs are met consistent with regulation and policy, as the FBOP transitions to the post FCI Dublin era.

Throughout my 33 years of dedicated service with the FBOP, I have worked tirelessly with our correctional professionals to rehabilitate and prepare all inmates for successful reentry into our communities, including our former FCI Dublin inmates. We are providing inmates the opportunity to have input into the provision of programs and services that will help them prepare for their successful return to the community.

FCI Dublin has presented unique challenges for FBOP leadership for some time. The actions of a few employees made it abundantly clear that significant changes were needed to ensure our agency achieved its mission. Despite sustained and significant efforts to achieve positive changes at FCI Dublin, FBOP leadership eventually concluded that only ceasing the operation of FCI Dublin as a women's prison would effectuate the needed change.

On behalf of the FBOP, I want to acknowledge those women who were verified victims of sexual abuse while they were designated at FCI Dublin. We are thankful for the tireless efforts of the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of the Inspector General for the seven criminal prosecutions and convictions bringing those perpetrators to justice, with an eighth trial scheduled in a few weeks. We can agree that there is absolutely no place for sexual abuse in this agency, and therefore, our agency maintains and reaffirms its zero-tolerance policy for employee sexual misconduct and retaliation.

I have full faith that the FBOP and our team of dedicated correctional professionals will continue to meet the demands of this moment. I have no doubt that future FBOP leadership will work positively with the Monitor and continue to promote its collective core values of accountability, integrity, respect, compassion, and correctional excellence.