



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Mrs. Camille Cain
Texas Juvenile Justice Department
P.O. Box 12757
Austin, Texas 78758

Dear Mrs. Cain:

Congratulations on your recent selection as the executive director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD). As you are aware, there are pressing challenges facing TJJD, but I am confident you are up to the task. Children are one of our state's most precious resources, and I want to ensure the best for the youth and the staff who reside and work at TJJD facilities.

Recent reports of sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships by state employees charged with the duty to protect those in state custody are reprehensible. These egregious acts must be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. That is why I have asked the Texas Rangers to conduct a detailed investigation into allegations of misconduct. These offenders must be investigated and prosecuted swiftly to ensure that the youth in the state's care and custody are protected.

My office is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the youth and staff on TJJD campuses. As you start in your new role, we look forward to working with you and legislators to identify ways to reduce the population within the state's juvenile justice facilities. Please keep my staff informed of your progress as you work to carry out the agency's mission to transform young lives and create safer communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

cc: Texas Juvenile Justice Department Board Members