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Ms. Mara Leigh Taylor
Getting Out By Going In
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Playa Del Rey, CA 90296

Dear Ms. Taylor:

I am pleased to express my strong and earnest support for your organization, Getting Out by Going In (GOGI). GOGI has proven itself as a key component for reducing crime and relieving the recidivism crisis in California for more than four years with more than 500 graduates thus far, and I congratulate you on this achievement.

Moreover, since California has the largest state prison expenditure in the U.S. at 4.2 billion dollars per year, GOGI's effort to relieve the recidivism is influential in providing the opportunity to redirect our State's growing corrections budget into other programs such as health, education and natural resources. In federal prisons throughout California, the GOGI curriculum has proven very successful and has therefore become a component of the mandated release preparation curriculum, the drug treatment curriculum and anger management curriculum.

I applaud your mission to positively affect more than one million lives by 2010 and am aware that you are applying for several federal grants. I strongly urge each granting agency to give your application their prompt and most careful consideration. If any federal departments or agencies have any questions, please do not hesitate to have them contact me at my district office.

Sincerely,


EDWARD R. ROYCE