ATTACHMENT E

Good afternoon,

My name is Curt Thomas. I have been a Correctional officer at Nevada State Prison for almost 14 years.

I would like address some issues that I and many of my fellow Officers find questionable in the Public Works Board report regarding suggested repairs to NSP.

One of the items that I dispute is the need to make the inmate gymnasium ADA compliant when we don't house any physically disabled inmates at NSP. Disabled inmates are housed at Northern Nevada Correctional Center, it is a flat yard. It seems unreasonable for the report to claim a cost of $35,000 to put in a ramp for disabled inmates that we don't have to have access to a gym!

The report also claims a cost of $12,000 to demolish the old dog kennel and $3000 to demolish the old butcher shop. Both of which are outside the fenced perimeter and haven't been used for many years.

The total replacement of 3 of the 5 guard towers at a cost of over $500,000 EACH is also unnecessary, especially given the budget crisis the State is facing. The towers function well and serve the intended purpose.

Replacement of the lighting controls in unit 3 at a cost of $50,000 is also not needed. I personally used those exact controls myself less than 12 hours ago without ANY problems whatsoever!

The cell door motors in unit 3 are also functioning without problems as claimed in the report. I also operated those cell doors myself just this morning. The motors are NOT original to the building as the report states. They were installed in the 1980s.

The report also has repairs listed for units 5,8 and 13. all of which are currently closed down! The ironic thing is that unit 13 is the newest unit at NSP and needs very few repairs, yet it is closed down!!

There are many other discrepancies in the report such as the claim that unit 2 was built in 1925 when it was actually built about 1950. The report fails to mention that the culinary received a multi million dollar addition and upgrade about 10 years ago. There is a photo in the report that claims to be of unit 5 when in fact it is unit 3. You would expect a highly important report such as this would be held to a higher standard of accuracy!

As my time is limited I cannot cover all of the issues in the report but I hope this gives you some idea that the priority 1 repairs and associated costs may be grossly overstated. I am not saying NSP is not in need of ANY repairs, it is. I just believe that many of the repairs stated in the Public Works Board report are at the very least, misleading.

I have also submitted a very detailed report created by a fellow Officer that was unable to attend this meeting because he is at work. I have copies of it for each member of the Board and hope that you take the time to read it.

Thank you!