

From: [Simonson, Erik \(SAO\)](#)
To: [Walker, Michelle D. \(DOC\)](#)
Subject: FW: DOC agreement
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 1:56:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Michelle,

Part 2 – it looks like our office is good with the language you requested approval on.

Erik



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To: Simonson, Erik (SAO) <erik.simonson@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: FW: DOC agreement

Please reach out to DOC . Thanks!

From: Sullivan, Stephanie (SAO) <sullivans@sao.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Gross, Carol (SAO) <grossc@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: DOC agreement

Hi Carol,

The language DOC provided has been approved by the AAG and our office. Please let DOC know they can proceed.

Thanks, Stephanie

From: Kernutt, Matthew R (ATG) <Matthew.Kernutt@atg.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Sullivan, Stephanie (SAO) <sullivans@sao.wa.gov>; Pritchard, Brandi (SAO) <pritchab@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: DOC agreement

External Email

I have no concerns with that language.

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From: Sullivan, Stephanie (SAO) <sullivans@sao.wa.gov>
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To: Kernutt, Matthew R (ATG) <Matthew.Kernutt@atg.wa.gov>; Pritchard, Brandi (SAO) <pritchab@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: DOC agreement

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Matt and Brandi,
We have a recently reported loss to our office by DOC, which we will be performing an external review of. We have not yet started the work and so the DOC is asking for SAO's approval of the below language.

Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks, Stephanie

From: Gross, Carol (SAO) <grossc@sao.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:39 PM
To: Sullivan, Stephanie (SAO) <sullivans@sao.wa.gov>
Cc: Simonson, Erik (SAO) <erik.simonson@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: FW: F-23-462

From: Walker, Michelle D. (DOC) <mdwalker1@DOC1.WA.GOV>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:36 PM
To: Simonson, Erik (SAO) <erik.simonson@sao.wa.gov>
Cc: Gross, Carol (SAO) <grossc@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: F-23-462

The DOC has already completed our investigation into this matter. The Pre-disciplinary has also been completed and the Appointing Authority wants to schedule the disciplinary. I want to run some verbiage by you for approval so they can move forward. We are in the process of calculating the loss of hours/pay and this is the language they want to use in the letter – if it meets your approval.

This is to notify you of an overpayment of wages between the pay periods of-----, and -----.
The overpayment is due to (provide reason) late reporting of absences for which you had inadequate accrued paid leave resulting in leave without pay. Furthermore, a portion of the time frame encompassed is under investigation by the Washington State Auditor’s Office (“Auditor”). The Auditor has not fully investigated this loss and reserves the right to conduct further investigation into this matter.
The gross amount of the wage overpayment is: \$----.--.
This wage overpayment amount does not include Auditor’s investigation costs for which you [name of individual] will reimburse the Department of Corrections if further work is performed by the Auditor; or such other amount determined by the Auditor to be the total amount of the loss, plus the full amount of the Auditor’s cost for investigation, if any.

Let me know~ thanks!

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Director Audits/Ethics Administrator
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