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January 15, 2016

Governor Margaret Hassan  
Office of the Governor  
State House  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Hassan,

Surely anything that undermines the true meaning of Christmas these days is to be eschewed? And surely refusing Christmas greetings to those incarcerated in our state prison does just that? I was truly dismayed, after forty-five years of prison outreach nationwide, to receive the enclosed. I have since learned that all Christmas cards to inmates have been similarly "rejected" this year.

I have few illusions about what is required of those who give preeminent leadership such as is required of you as Governor of our state. My own grandfather was a British prime minister in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and I am sure there was much that happened on his watch of which he was not aware.

But I do not take lightly anything that sullies the reputation of New Hampshire. It has mattered to me since my brother and I were sent up here to boarding school in 1942 (he to Exeter and me to St. Mary's-In-The-Mountain's now the White Mountain School) and since I moved here permanently from Kansas with my four children in 1972. I feel that what occurred this Christmas at the prison does besmirch New Hampshire's good name. Such an across-the-board punishment for what may well have been the violations of a few is not worthy of us.

As the Quakers say, "There is that of God in every man." Isn't the message of Christmas about touching that spark, igniting it, affirming it, helping it to manifest wherever we can? Isn't that why we reach out, above all at Christmas time? And why I sent two out of my 90 cards this year, one to an inmate in New Hampshire, the other to one in a federal prison in Florida? We must not do anything that thwarts the message of Christmas, so urgently needed right now. I am truly grateful to you, Governor Hassan, for your superb leadership at a time so fraught with severe difficulties----

Sincerely,

Enclosures

cc: Christopher Kench, Acting Warden  
Chaplain Jim Daly, Director of Chaplaincy, NHSP Chapel