



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Washington, DC 20534

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The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Coleman:

This is in response to your January 21, 2022, letter to Director Michael D. Carvajal regarding the Office of Legal Counsel Memorandum on the CARES Act and home confinement.

As the Committee is aware, the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel recently issued an opinion indicating that the Bureau may use its preexisting authorities and discretion to permit CARES Act Home Confinement inmates to remain in home confinement placement after declaration of the end of the COVID-19 Emergency. Regulations are being prepared to implement this decision.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not been declared to be over and thus, we will implement per regulations when issued and notifications will occur at the appropriate time. As these regulations will guide parameters of implementation, we cannot speak to specifics at this time.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JCWills", is written over the typed name.

James C. Wills  
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Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Prisons