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EXHIBIT 10
DATE Jan. 31, 2005
HB 2; Dept. of
Corrections

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LARRY L. NELSON, MANAGER

January 28, 2005

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives,

As the manager of Marias River Electric Cooperative, Crossroads Correctional Corporation of America (CCA) is a valued electric customer and member of the Cooperative. CCA helps support solid affordable rates to all Marias River Electric members. Having a member such as CCA increase their usage will only further help rate stability.

The addition onto CCA's existing facility will mean additional consumption which has a positive influence on the rates for the rest of the Marias River Electric members. For this reason, Marias River Electric Cooperative asks you to support the expansion of CCA's facilities in Shelby.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Grotbo

Shelby Gas Association

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LARRY L. NELSON, MANAGER

January 28, 2005

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives,

Crossroads Correctional Corporation of America (CCA) located in Shelby, MT was constructed with provisions for future growth. Now that the state needs additional correctional space, it makes sense that we utilize these provisions to meet our increasing prison population. If additional correctional facilities are required, it only makes sense to utilize the least cost option which is the expansion of CCA.

As the manager of Shelby Gas Association, CCA is a valued gas member and customer that help support solid affordable rates to all Shelby Gas members. Having a member such as CCA increase their usage will only further help rate stability.

The additional wing onto CCA's facility will mean additional consumption which has a positive influence on the rates for the rest of the Shelby Gas Association members. For this reason, Shelby Gas Association asks you to support the expansion of CCA's facilities in Shelby.

Sincerely,



Mark S. Grotbo



HiLine Redi-Mix, LLC

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January 27, 2005

Re: CCC Prison Expansion in Shelby, MT

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 1952, this business has operated under one name or another providing the community with concrete and aggregate products. It has seen good years and bad. Today Shelby is a community in need of an economic boost. Good paying jobs are hard to come by forcing young people to move out of the area. The expansion of the Shelby prison would mean more jobs which in turn would mean more money going back to the community. Grocery stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, hospitals, schools, etc. would all benefit from the prison expansion. Already the prison has helped increase the economy in Shelby and other surrounding communities.

Obviously the prison expansion would benefit HiLine Redi-Mix, LLC directly by utilizing our materials for the build, but HiLine Redi-Mix, LLC wants to see the community grow into the future. One large project cannot support this business for a long period of time. It is the new homes, businesses, improvements, etc. that would benefit HiLine Redi-Mix, LLC in the long run.

The only effect the prison has had on this community is to increase the economy. No ill effects have arisen from the prison being built in Shelby. One does not even know it is there until dusk when you can see the lights. Please consider the CCC prison expansion, not only to save tax payers money, but also to help better a community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey S. Stores', written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey S. Stores
General Manager
HiLine Redi-Mix, LLC

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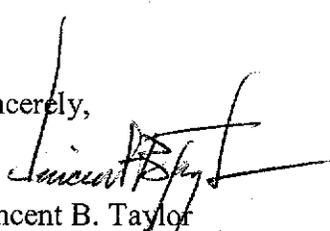
Corrections and Public Safety Appropriation Sub-Committee
State Capitol
Helena, Mt

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen;

I write this letter to confirm Corrections Corporation of America is an excellent corporate citizen in Shelby, Montana. They not only provide quality jobs, which give us additional diversity in our rural economy, but they walk the talk and their employees from Warden McDonald down are active in civic activities. CCA has been beneficial to our tax base and our local cooperatives Marias River Electric and Shelby Gas Co.

I encourage you as a member of the Corrections and Public Safety Appropriation Sub-Committee to give positive consideration to CCA as you debate the expansion of prison beds in Montana. I believe CCA has proven they can be an efficient alternative for the State of Montana when determining how these appropriations will be spent for public safety.

Sincerely,



Vincent B. Taylor
Branch President

SHELBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 2005 MONTANA LEGISLATURE:

Shelby School District #14 fully supports the expansion of Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby.

The Corrections Corporation of America Shelby facility is a valuable addition to the tax base of the Shelby School District. Additionally, the facility has employed a number of residents with children which has been beneficial to our school district in maintaining our student enrollment after years of decline and preventing cuts to school programs and budgets.

Corrections Corporation of America is a good neighbor in our community. Employees of CCA are active in a variety of community and school activities.

Expansion of the Shelby facility by CCA will have a very positive impact on the economy of Shelby and Toole County. The Shelby School District will benefit from an expansion of the facility due to an increased taxable valuation of our district and the new jobs that will be created in our area.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,



Tom Rogers
Superintendent

Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

January 30, 2005

Montana State Legislature
State Capital
Helena, MT 59601

To Whom It May Concern:

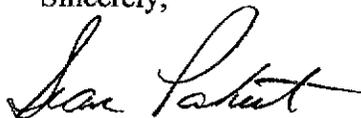
I am writing to express our support for the authorization to expand the Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby.

The City of Shelby, as well as Toole County, has benefited from the prison locating in our area. The increase in property tax revenue, quality jobs, and improved services (sewer and water) are just some of the benefits that this area has received because of the prison.

Corrections Corporation of America has made a commitment to Shelby, Toole County, and the State of Montana to provide a cost effective way to house prisoners in the state. As an advocate for business, we believe that upon studying the alternatives, you will find expanding the Shelby facility to be the most logical and economical decision that can be made.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Sean Pahut
President, Shelby Chamber of Commerce

All Roads Lead to Shelby, the Western Crossroads of America



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Joint Appropriations Subcommittee
Corrections and Public Safety

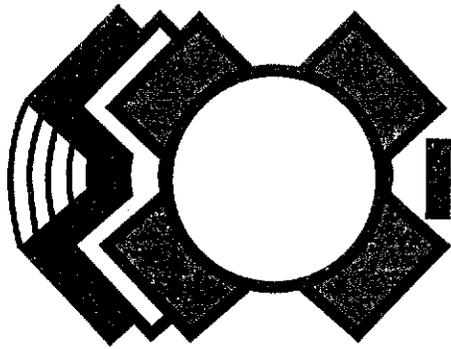
Dear Committee Members;

I am writing to voice my wholehearted support for expansion at Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby. My support is based on the following premise; this is the best deal for the State of Montana and its taxpayers. We continue to have very broad based support for this facility and its expansion in our community. All of the infrastructure is there to expand it, at the State of Montana's direction, and CCA would build the facility at their expense. The time frame for building would be a year or under, which is much faster than government can do it anywhere else. Please consider the facts, and support Crossroads Correctional Center as the place to expand prison beds in Montana.

Sincerely,



Steve Williamson
President



First State Bank of Shelby

January 28, 2005

Members of the Montana Legislature:

Dear Senators and Representatives,

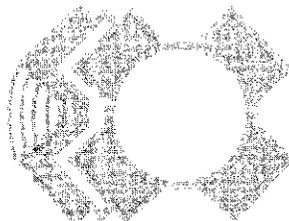
I am writing to express my support for the expansion of the existing CCA prison in Shelby, in order to house more State and Federal inmates. I am sure it is no surprise that the business community in Shelby would support the expansion, because of the economic impact to our city, county and surrounding area. CCA has been an excellent corporate citizen for us and the State of Montana, but has demonstrated that their management of the facility has been superb.

I'm sure when you review and add in all the costs, you will find that it is better for the State of Montana to have CCA expand then to add more bureaucracy and extraordinary expense. I feel the State gets "more bank for their buck" with CCA than an expansion of the prison at Deer Lodge.

I respectfully request that you give the CCA expansion your positive consideration and vote. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Byron H. Kluth
President



PO Box 502
Shelby, MT 59474

January 30, 2005

Governor Brian Schweitzer
Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections and Public Safety
Helena, Montana

Dear Governor Schweitzer and Committee Members:

“Not in my back yard”, the battle cry of the local anti-prison minority during the late 1990’s, has been silenced and, in fact, it is almost impossible to find anyone who will now admit to being involved with the vocal opposition. CCA has certainly proven itself to be a good corporate neighbor, running a top notch facility that even its harshest critics can find very little to complain about.

The State of Montana is currently looking for more prison beds to alleviate overcrowding, but for some reason is having trouble deciding how to go about it. Let’s see; the infrastructure is in place for construction of an additional 1000 bed expansion that could be up and going in a matter of months, at no cost to Montana’s already hard-pressed taxpayers. The facility is cheaper, cleaner, better managed and far more efficient than “the Lodge”. CCA provides hundreds of sorely needed, decent paying jobs for Hi-Line residents, while at the same time pouring approximately 500K per year into the Toole County tax coffers. Native American inmates are closer to family and friends. And so on and so forth.

Contrary to Mr. Shockley’s misguided opinions, I do not believe that the state’s attorneys are incompetent or that CCA has some grand conspiracy in mind to hoodwink the State of Montana. If and when the state takes control of the prison, as has successfully occurred in other states, it will be conveyed free of any encumbrances.

Don’t be swayed by the selfish unions, the bloated “institution row” bureaucrats or by your own personal agendas – do what you were ultimately elected to do: to make good decisions, based on sound information and communication, which are in the best interest of the State of Montana. The right decision here is obvious, so why all the commotion?

Sincerely,



John (Chip) Miller
Shelby City Council Representative
and Concerned Citizen