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Dear Ms. Fischbach-Pyttel,

On behalf of the National Union of Public and General Employees, one of Canada's largest trade unions, I am sending a message of solidarity for the upcoming European action day on 'Overcrowding in Prisons'. The National Union represents correctional officers in most of Canada's provincial correctional facilities.

This is an important and ambitious initiative and I wish you success in achieving your goals. The materials you have made available on your website are highly informative and provide a troubling account of the overcrowding problem in the European Union.

Overcrowding is also a significant problem in Canadian correctional facilities – federal and provincial. It is both a danger for our members who work in these facilities and a violation of the human rights of those incarcerated within them.

I am pleased to see that your campaign attempts to connect the concerns of the workers to those of the inmates. This is indeed the appropriate manner for a trade union to approach these issues.

Best wishes on your day of action. Please keep me informed of developments in your campaign. You can send future correspondence to the attention of Len Bush ([lbush@nupge.ca](mailto:lbush@nupge.ca)).

In solidarity,

James Clancy  
National President

cc: National Executive Board, NUPGE

