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Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Lee Fowler
Fifth Judicial District, Lyon County Courthouse
430 Commercial
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Dear Judge Fowler:

Pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 21-6822, I am hereby informing the Kansas Sentencing Commission that the number of Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) residents as of August 31, 2021, represented 81% of the capacity of the Kansas correctional system, at 82% for males and 77% for females.

The below table illustrates the available capacity today and in 2031, which is based upon the Kansas Sentencing Commission's recently published *FY 2022 Prison Population Projections Report*. While the FY2022 projections report continues to reflect a much lower number of residents than we've experienced historically, those lower numbers are helpful as we continue to navigate the coronavirus pandemic and manage the high number of staff vacancies we are experiencing currently.

	KDOC Capacity	August 31, 2021 Actual Population	FY2022 Projected Population	FY2022 Projected to Exceed Capacity by	FY2031 Projected Population	FY2031 Projected to Exceed Capacity by
Male	9428	7716	7782	-1646	7415	-2013
Female	936	729	756	-180	757	-179
Total	10364	8445	8538	-1826	8172	-2192

With our population remaining stable, the only non-KDOC beds we utilize currently are up to 5 beds for women at the Larned State Hospital based upon the very specialized nature of that facility.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and the other members of the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zmuda
Secretary

cc: Governor Laura Kelly
Scott Schultz, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission
Senator Rick Billinger, Chair, Senate Ways & Means Committee
Senator Kellie Warren, Chair, Senate Judiciary
Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Representative J. Russell Jennings, Chair, House Corrections & Juvenile Justice
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Representative Shannon Francis, Chair, House Transportation & Public Safety