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House Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance Committee
369 State Office Building
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Subject: Annual Report on Pregnant Female Restraint Reporting, as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 241.88, Subdivision 3

Dear Committee Chairs:

Minnesota Statutes, section 241.88, subd. 3 directs the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to report by February 15 of each year on use of restraints on pregnant women, women in labor, and women who have given birth in the preceding three days, who are incarcerated in state and local correctional facilities during the preceding calendar year. The use of restraints does not include use of handcuffs on the front of the body of a pregnant woman.

For 2015, the DOC reports one occasion in which a lap belt was loosely placed on a pregnant woman in a county jail. The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee had no uses of restraints as required for reporting according to the statute.

Additionally, the following Minnesota Rules continue to be under review by the department's Inspection and Enforcement unit:

- Chapter 2911, Adult Detention Facilities

Sincerely,

/s/

Tom Roy

Cc: Honorable Warren Limmer
Honorable Debra Hilstrom
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