



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Prisons

*Federal Correctional Institution*

*Danbury, CT 06810*

October 23, 1996

Daryle J. Dennis  
Office of Minority Affairs  
Western Connecticut State University  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Dear Daryle :

On July 24, Representative Collins (R-GA) proposed an amendment to the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill that would have changed the way in which "Reasonable Market Share" for UNICOR (Federal Prison Industries) products is determined. I believe that the Collins Amendment would have had a devastating impact on UNICOR, potentially eliminating thousands of inmate jobs, causing tremendous inmate idleness, and jeopardizing the safety and security of Bureau of Prison Institutions.

Although the Collins Amendment was rejected by a 182 to 244 vote, serious concerns about UNICOR have been raised by many Members of Congress. Because UNICOR is so important to the safe operation of our facilities, I believe that it is imperative to provide members of Congress with as much information as possible about UNICOR and the Bureau of Prisons. This information will help ensure that they will have a more complete understanding of the role UNICOR plays, in the likely event that additional legislation relating to UNICOR is introduced.

As a member of Danbury's Community Relations Board, I ask your support by contacting your congressional representative. Should you wish to do so, I have prepared for illustrative purposes, a sample letter that you may want to send.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Stewart, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Charles H. Stewart, Jr.  
Warden



October 25, 1996

The Honorable Gary A. Franks  
Member of Congress  
Suite 210 135 Grand Street  
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Dear Congressmen Franks:

Recently, there has been considerable discussion in Congress over the status of Federal Prison Industries (FPI), which operates work programs for inmates in Federal Prisons. FPI was the subject of hearings conducted by the House Small Business Committee in June, and I understand that it will be the subject of hearings by the House's Crime Subcommittee later this year.

I, the undersigned, wish to attest to the worthwhile objectives of FPI and its positive influence in the Greater Danbury Connecticut Area.

As a member of the Community Relations Board of the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, I am very familiar with the role that FPI plays in the Greater Danbury Area. It employs sixteen (16) members of our community, with a total payroll of \$719,000.00 and spends \$445,288.00 on purchases from local businesses. Most importantly, it contributes significantly to the safe and efficient operations of the Federal Correctional Institution.

With a Federal Prison in our community, we naturally are very concerned about security. FPI, by helping keep the inmate population at work and out of trouble, is essential to the safety of the prison and therefore, it is essential to the safety of the community. If FPI operations at FCI Danbury are reduced or discontinued, we believe that it would have an adverse effect on the Greater Danbury Area.

The FPI operations at FCI Danbury has been a good neighbor to our community. We encourage you to support FPI, and would be pleased to meet with you or members of your staff to acquaint you further with the value of FPI to the Greater Danbury Area.

Sincerely,

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