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## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION Fabian Dale Dominguez State Jail Facility

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Dear Ms. Pascotto,

My name is Captain Lorenzo Carter. I am a facilitator for the volunteer programs here at the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio, Texas. I have been with the prison system for 19 years. I am writing you today to commend The Prem Rawat Foundation for your Inner Peace educational program.

In October 2007, I met with Roberto and Chantal Piriz about having an Inner Peace class here. Initially, it was to be a 12-week pilot program. It was a different type of educational program for offenders than we have had here before. After the 12 weeks, we decided to continue it because we noticed after the first week and a half, that there was a change in the offenders in the program. As the class went on until now, almost four years later, the program is still turning out good offenders that have gone back out into society and do not return to the Dominguez Unit after attending this class. There is a very good non-return rate (a very low recidivism rate, .01 %) of the people in the class.

It has had a positive impact on everyone who attends the class, and we have noticed a change in the offenders. For one thing, the behavior of those who attend the program has noticeably improved, and their disciplinary record has gone way down, if not totally. They stay out of trouble. None of the offenders in the class creates problems in the facility. It is the class that attendance is always full and Inner Peace is one of my best classes because of the attendance rate and turnout. Out of the seven classes that I have, this has the best turnout compared to the drug and alcohol programs, Narcotics Anonymous. This is, by far, the best.

It has had a very positive effect on me, too. I started to listen to Prem Rawat myself on CDs and DVDs. As I continued to listen, I wanted to listen more to find out more about this. I listened coming to work, going home, and at home. It has shown me a lot that is within me, has given me a sense of peace, and has made my life easier by understanding that a person does not have to be angry. You can have a peace within yourself and face anger and everything in your life with a different attitude. It has also changed the way I deal with my children and my relationships with other people. I continue to listen to Prem Rawat's talks on a daily basis and read the materials whenever I get them.

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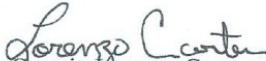
This class will benefit anyone who is seeking peace within them. From the first tape of Prem Rawat that I heard, it seemed like he was speaking directly to me, addressing everything I was going through in my life, and giving me answers to what seemed like problems. He gave me ways to approach these problems, solidify my understanding, and deal with the problems head on, instead of ignoring them, but rather, facing them with peace. It gave me the opportunity to change my life, and the lives of my children and my family. It has changed what I do on a professional level on a daily basis, how I approach and deal with offenders and with management. It has been helpful for me personally.

We are planning to show a video of Prem Rawat to the other officers of the Dominguez Unit, as soon as we can, at our monthly department head meeting with the Warden and the Assistant Warden. We are looking for the most opportune time to share this message with the officers here. I am sure it will bring an overflow of peace within to the staff here.

We would also like to invite Prem Rawat to speak here at the prison facility. I have done all the legwork to set that up. The Administration here would love to have him. We will try to accommodate him as much as possible, being a penal institution. Please let him know that he is most welcome to come. We just need a date. Whenever he is ready, we would welcome him here. We would put the word out so that he could address our entire population, which are 2,200 offenders at this time.

Thank you for offering this program to all of us.

Sincerely,

  
Captain Lorenzo Carter  
Dominguez unit VSSO