Statement of National Prison Rape Elimination Commission on Release of Draft Standards for Lockups, Community Corrections, and Juvenile Facilities, Remaining Public Comment Period

Washington, DC – The bipartisan National Prison Rape Elimination Commission ("the Commission") today released the following statement on the release of draft standards for Lockups, Community Corrections, and Juvenile Facilities, available for public comment for 45 days from June 16 to August 1, 2008:

“Today, the Commission releases draft standards for Lockups, Community Corrections, and Juvenile Facilities, a second set of standards available for review and public comment for the next 45 days, from June 16 to August 1.

We at the Commission are pleased at the level and diversity of responses received to date through the public comment period for draft standards for Adult Prisons, Jails, and Facilities Holding Immigration Detainees, and we look forward to additional feedback given before the comment period ends on these standards on July 7.

The release of both sets of standards for public comment provides an opportunity for corrections leaders and staff, law enforcement, health and public health professionals, prisoners and detainees, and the interested public to weigh in on the Commission’s development of final recommended standards required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 to help agencies in their day-to-day work to achieve zero-tolerance of sexual abuse.”

The Commissioners are the Honorable Reggie B. Walton, who serves as Chairman, Vice Chairman John A. Kaneb, James Aiken, Jamie Fellner, Pat Nolan, Gus Puryear, Brenda V. Smith, and Cindy Struckman-Johnson. For more information about the Commission and its work, please visit www.nprec.us.

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