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Robert M. Graber  
Legislature Clerk  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

Please consider my application for membership in the Community Corrections Advisory Board. I have almost 20 years of experience working and teaching in the field of corrections.

I graduated from Buffalo State College with a Master Degree in Criminal Justice. Soon after that, I started working as a Correction Counselor at the Lakeview Shock Incarceration Correctional facility where I counseled young offenders convicted of nonviolent crimes. After four years at Lakeview, I transferred to the Wende Correctional Facility where I have been working with mostly violent offenders. As a Correction Counselor, I have learned to work with people of different backgrounds, including the offenders' relatives.

In January of 2000, I started teaching Criminal Justice at Buffalo State College, which is a position that I still hold. At Buffalo State, I have taught introductory and advanced courses in the field of corrections, emphasizing on helping students understand the effectiveness of correctional programs, intermediate sanctions, the responsibilities of correctional administrators, and the constitutional rights of prisoners.

I am also presently employed by the New York State Unified Court System as a per diem Spanish Interpreter. This position has helped me to better understand the judicial part of the Criminal Justice System.

I would like to discuss how I can be a valuable member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board. I believe the combination of my work experience and language and cultural skills will allow me to serve this advisory board in an effective manner. I can be reached at 716-510-5931. I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,

  
Johnny Cabrera