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TO: All Community Corrections Staff

FROM: Anmarie Aylward, Acting Assistant Secretary
Community Corrections Division

SUBJECT: Anne Fiala Retires

With 36 years of expertise and public service, Anne Fiala has announced her retirement, effective November 1, 2009.

Since joining the agency in 1973 as a student intern in Vancouver, Anne has made many significant contributions to the Department of Corrections at facilities across the state and at Headquarters. Anne was Superintendent at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center and Cedar Creek Corrections Center. In addition, she was Section Administrator for Community Corrections in the Southwest.

At Headquarters, Anne held a variety of leadership positions, including Assistant Deputy Secretary for Programs and Regional Administrator for the Northwest. Her most recent contribution was the implementation of ESSB 5288. Throughout her career, Anne helped keep the agency on track in implementing numerous new laws, programs and policies; a daunting task that she handled with her usual calm demeanor and professionalism.

The agency has lost immeasurable expertise, knowledge and leadership. Please join me in saying thank you to Anne Fiala.

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cc: Eldon Vail, Secretary
Cheryl Strange, Deputy Secretary
Executive Leadership Team