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**NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM  
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

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To the Members of the Judicial Advisory Board and Facility Governing Board:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While the Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections (ODRC) does not require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format ODRC prescribes or permits.

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June 30, 2009

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program  
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To the Members of the Judicial Advisory Board and Facility Governing Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program, Trumbull County, (the Facility) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Facility's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Facility has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

While the Facility does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Facility uses. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Facility as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program, Trumbull County, as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Facility has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2009, on our consideration of the Facility's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
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June 30, 2009



**NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM  
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>State Appropriations and Grants</u>		<u>Offender Funds</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>ODRC 501-501</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Offender Personal Funds</u>	<u>Vending &amp; Telephone Commissions</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Intergovernmental	\$3,372,925	\$43,932			\$3,416,857
Collections from Offenders			\$61,249		61,249
Commissions				\$43,989	43,989
Reimbursements				20	20
Transfer In/Out			1	(1)	0
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>3,372,925</b>	<b>43,932</b>	<b>61,250</b>	<b>44,008</b>	<b>3,522,115</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Personnel	2,518,496				2,518,496
Operating costs	682,343			27,163	709,506
Program costs	95,949	43,932		3,972	143,853
Equipment	59,943			7,700	67,643
Offender Disbursements:					
Offender legal obligations			2,647		2,647
Offender personal costs			22,753		22,753
Offender reimbursements			41		41
Offender savings paid at exit			29,604		29,604
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>3,356,731</b>	<b>43,932</b>	<b>55,045</b>	<b>38,835</b>	<b>3,494,543</b>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,205</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>27,572</b>
Fund Cash Balances, July 1, 2007	216,523	0	3,008	11,164	230,695
Fund Cash Balances, June 30, 2008	<u>\$232,717</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,213</u>	<u>\$16,337</u>	<u>\$258,267</u>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	<u>State Appropriations and Grants</u>		<u>Offender Funds</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>ODRC 501-501</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Offender Personal Fund</u>	<u>Vending &amp; Telephone Commissions</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Intergovernmental	\$3,252,160	\$69,179			\$3,321,339
Collections from Offenders			\$109,138		109,138
Commissions				\$29,782	29,782
Reimbursements				386	386
Transfer In/(Out)			2,051	(2,051)	0
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>3,252,160</u>	<u>69,179</u>	<u>111,189</u>	<u>28,117</u>	<u>3,460,645</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Personnel	2,611,845				2,611,845
Operating costs	522,959	491		35,941	559,391
Program costs	105,278	68,688		2,073	176,039
Equipment				165	165
Offender Disbursements:					
Offender legal obligations			10,594		10,594
Offender personal costs			46,813		46,813
Offender reimbursements				24	24
Offender savings paid at exit			57,545		57,545
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>3,240,082</u>	<u>69,179</u>	<u>114,952</u>	<u>38,203</u>	<u>3,462,416</u>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>12,078</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,763)</u>	<u>(10,086)</u>	<u>(1,771)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, July 1, 2006	<u>204,445</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,771</u>	<u>21,250</u>	<u>232,466</u>
Fund Cash Balances, June 30, 2007	<u>\$216,523</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,008</u>	<u>\$11,164</u>	<u>\$230,695</u>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

**NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM  
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (the Facility) provides an alternative to prison incarceration for felony offenders. The Facility is the last step in the continuum of increasing punishment before prison incarceration. The Facility is a minimum security operation housing approximately 120 offenders. A Facilities Governing Board oversees the Facility's operations. Common pleas judges from the Counties the Facility serves comprise a Judicial Advisory Board. The Judicial Advisory Board appoints two-thirds of the members of the Facility Governing Board and advises the Facilities Governing Board regarding Facility matters. The Board includes at least one common pleas court judge from each county the Facility serves. The Facility serves the following counties:

Ashtabula County	Portage County	Geauga County
Trumbull County	Lake County	

For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the financial statements present all funds related to the Facility.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Facility recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements adequately disclose material matters the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections requires.

**C. Deposits**

The Trumbull County Treasurer is the custodian of the Facility's grant funds and State appropriations. The County holds these Facility assets in the County's deposit and investment pool, valued at the County Treasurer's reported carrying amount. The Facility holds offenders' cash in demand deposit accounts.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The Facility uses fund accounting to segregate amounts that are restricted as to use. The Facility has the following funds:

**State Appropriations and Grants**

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) 501-501 Funding: ODRC grants this funding, appropriated from the State's General Fund, to the Facility to support general operating costs.

Federal: Reports amounts received from the Federal government, including amounts passed through ODRC. The Facility received RSAT funding for contracting instructors and specialists to aid in the rehabilitation of offenders.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**Offender Funds**

Vending and Telephone Commission: Reports amounts received from telephone and vending commissions generated by calls offenders place to locations outside the Facility and purchases from vending machines. The Facility spends this money for programs and services benefiting the offenders.

Offender Personal Funds: Are amounts the Facility receives and holds in a custodial capacity for each offender while confined. The Facility holds personal funds, including salaries offenders earn while confined, and maintains separate balances for each offender. The Facility makes payments as directed by the offender or per program requirements. Upon release, the Facility pays remaining funds to the offender.

**E. Budgetary Process**

**1. Appropriations**

The Facility must budget its intended uses of ODRC 501-501 funding as part of its funding application to ODRC. After ODRC approves the budget, the Board formally adopts it. The Facility cannot spend or obligate (i.e., encumber) more than the appropriation. Facilities must obtain approval from ODRC to transfer amounts between budget categories.

**2. Encumbrances**

Disbursements from State appropriations and Grants are subject to Trumbull County's payment approval process. The County Auditor must approve (i.e., certify and encumber) certain payments when the Facility commits to make a payment. The budgetary disbursement amounts reported in Note 2 include cash disbursed against the current year budget plus amounts spent within ninety days of June 30 to liquidate year-end commitments. Amounts not liquidated within ninety days of June 30 are subject to refund to ODRC, unless ODRC approves an extension. (See Note 4.)

A summary of 20EE and 20BB budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Facility records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these acquisitions as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
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**2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for ODRC 501-501 funding for the years ending June 30, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Budget	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$3,372,925	\$3,356,731	\$16,194

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Budget	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$3,252,160	\$3,240,082	\$34,763

**3. COLLATERAL ON DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Grants and State Appropriations**

The County Treasurer is responsible for collateralizing deposits and investments for grants and State appropriations the County holds as custodian for the Facility.

OFFENDER FUNDS

Deposits

The Facility has Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation coverage of \$100,000 for Offender Funds. There were no uncollateralized amounts at June 30, 2008 and 2007.

**4. REFUND TO ODRC**

The agreement between the County and ODRC permits the Facility to retain a maximum of one-twelfth of the grant award after liquidating encumbrances outstanding at June 30. The Facility must refund any excess over this amount to ODRC. The schedule below computes the refund to ODRC for the years ending June 30. Disbursements below include cash paid to liquidate encumbrances outstanding at June 30 and exclude disbursements made during the fiscal year against amounts encumbered the prior June 30. The Facility was not obligated to pay refunded amounts according to the computation below.

Refund to ODRC		
	2008	2007
Cash, July 1	\$216,523	\$204,445
501 Cash Receipts	3,372,925	3,252,160
Budgetary Basis Disbursements	(3,356,731)	(3,240,082)
Amount Subject to Refund, June 30	\$232,717	216,523
One-Twelfth of 501 Award	(281,077)	(271,013)
Refundable to ODRC	0	0

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
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**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Facility's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes plan benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10 and 9.5 percent of their gross salaries and the Facility contributed an amount equaling 14 and 13.85 percent, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Facility has paid all contributions required through June 30, 2008.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Facility has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability.
- Vehicles.
- Errors and omissions.



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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To the Members of the Judicial Advisory Board and Facility Governing Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program, Trumbull County, (the Facility) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2009, wherein we noted the Facility followed accounting practices the Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Facility's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Facility's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Facility's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Facility's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Facility's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Facility's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Facility's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Facility Governing Board and the Judicial Advisory Board. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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June 30, 2009





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**TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JULY 28, 2009**