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Legal Assistant, MIM Distributors
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Dear _____ :

This is in response to your letter dated April 22, 2009 regarding an alleged history of censorship of publications from MIM Distributors, to inmates at Cayuga Correctional Facility.

A member of my staff has investigated your complaint. At one time, MIM Distributors appeared on the "Statewide Disapproved Vendor's List". Consequently, correspondence from MIM Distributors was returned to sender by the facility's correspondence unit. At the present time, MIM Distributors does not appear on the above mentioned list. According to information from the Division of Support Operations, it is possible, in addition to the statewide listing, for a vendor to be placed on an individual facility list. If you require further information regarding the Disapproved Vendor Lists, please refer directly to Mr. Stu Kidder, Director of Support Operations.

Please be informed that all newsletters, pamphlets, periodicals, and printed, published materials in general are subject to review by the Facility Media Review Committee as per the guidelines and procedures stated in Directive 4572, Media Review. This directive provides for an appeal process to the Central Office Media Review Committee by an inmate in instances where the facility may disapprove a publication. All publications are reviewed on an individual basis there are no blanket decisions made. Directive 4572 can be viewed by accessing the Department's website at www.docs.state.ny.us. Any questions regarding media review can be directed to this office.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Linda Hollmen

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