

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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Dear _____:

Welcome to the STEP program in the Eastern District of Washington. Those of us who are involved in this program are committed to assisting you to change your life in profound ways. You are a worthwhile individual with gifts to share with your family, friends, and community. We want to help you realize your potential by overcoming the obstacle that substance abuse and addiction has created in your life.

By entering this program you are committing to work hard to address your substance use and abuse. The program will not be easy, but we know that you are capable of success. There are hundreds of people like yourself who have graduated from programs such as this one. They have reclaimed relationships, obtained employment, found stable living situations, and made drug-free and crime-free plans for the rest of their lives. In a year or so from now, you can join them in celebrating your success.

On behalf of the STEP Team which includes the STEP Probation Officer, an Assistant United States Attorney, an Assistant Federal Defender, and myself, I extend a hearty welcome.

Let's get to work!

Very truly yours,

Wm. Fremming Nielsen
Senior U.S. District Judge