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Dear Undersecretary Peck,

I am writing to update you on the Offender Management System(OMS)upgrade that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security(EOPSS)has been engaged in over the past few years. With the assistance and overwhelming cooperation of the stakeholder agencies, the Sheriffs' legacy OMS systems were replaced with a new Sheriffs Inmate Management System (SIMS) at 12 county sheriffs' departments (FY13 through FY19). 1 The purpose of this current project is to further update the SIMS at the twelve county sheriffs' agencies to comply with additional and significant operational and reporting requirements of the Criminal Justice Reform Act passed into law in 2018.

This project initiative will provide the foundation and framework for enhanced information sharing for municipal, county, state, federal and national criminal justice stakeholders in support of the Commonwealth's public safety and homeland security mission. It will substantially improve data collection, data quality and enhance the ability of county sheriffs to address local, state, and federal reporting and accreditation requirements and meet in-state data sharing requirements in support of compliance with the Criminal Justice Reform Act. The project and the provisions within the law are aimed at reducing recidivism and periodic monitoring of effectiveness of evidence based program/education while the inmate is in custody.

While it was the goal of EOPSS to have this project in a different posture at this point, over the past year the pandemic and related COVID-19 restrictions have delayed this project. Funding for this project has also contributed to the delay. However, at this point the project is moving forward, a statement of work has been signed by the company contracted to complete the upgrades and funding streams have been approved. The cooperation EOPSS has received from the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association Executive Director Carrie Hill, Shawn Jenkins, the Special Sheriff at Middlesex County Sheriff's Department and staff from the various Sheriffs' Departments has allowed this project to move forward and I am thankful for their participation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns and feel free to pass along this letter to any interested party.

1 Nantucket does not have a jail and Hampden has their own OMS system.

Sincerely,

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Undersecretary for Forensic Science and Technology