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Dear Senate Clerk Hurley and House Clerk James, Governor Healy, Chairs Velis and Madaro, and Secretaries Reidy and Walsh:

We write as the co-chairs and legislative members of the Restoration Center Commission (“Commission”) established under *An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform*, Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018 (“Act”) and amended under *An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023*, Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022. The Act directs the Commission to provide an annual report to the legislature by November 1.

The attached Year Five Findings and Recommendations were compiled by ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School on behalf of the Commission and detail the following:

- Commission meetings, administration, and activities in Year Five,
- Work to procure a Restoration Center vendor and a siting and community engagement consultant,
- Activities that the siting and community engagement consultant and planning grant recipients have accomplished, and
- Findings and recommendations.

We look forward to reporting to you a year from now on the successes and lessons learned in implementing the Middlesex County Restoration Center pilot.

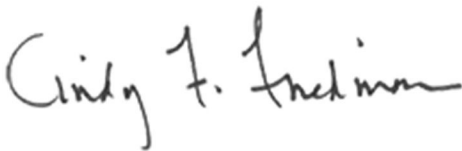
Sincerely,



Co-Chair, Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian
Middlesex County



Co-Chair, President and CEO Danna Mauch, PhD
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Senator Cindy F. Friedman



Representative Kenneth Gordon

cc: Senate President Karen Spilka

House Speaker Ronald Mariano