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Secretary Kate Walsh Executive Office of Health and Human Services 1 Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108 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 Six 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 Six,
- Activities that the siting and community engagement consultant, Restoration Center vendor, and ForHealth Consulting 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.

Danna Mauch

Sincerely,

Co-Chair, Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian Middlesex County

Co-Chair, President and CEO Danna Mauch, PhD Massachusetts Association for Mental Health

Senator Cindy F. Friedman

Representative Kenneth Gordon

cc: Senate President Karen Spilka

House Speaker Ronald Mariano