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**Re: Letter of Support for NC Rural Jail Project**

To whom it may concern,

I welcome the opportunity to participate in the NC Rural Jail Project, supported by Arnold Ventures’ Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research (APPR), and led by RTI International and the UNC School of Government Criminal Justice Innovation Lab (the Lab). For this non-partisan and data-driven project, I understand the Lab and RTI will work with our team to help us better understand the factors influencing local pretrial practices, including pretrial incarceration, and support our efforts to develop solutions that make sense for our community. This project relies on stakeholder collaboration and I, or my designee as indicated, will serve as a member of our project team.

At a minimum, I, or my designee, commit to:

* Attend a short project kick-off meeting,
* Attend at least three 90-minute team meetings,
* Participate in a video interview with project staff,
* Collaborate with other team members and welcome input from others,
* Help identify and recruit justice-involved individuals for interviews, and
* Share what we learn through this process with others.

In addition, the [COUNTY NAME] Sheriff’s Office commits to providing jail booking data from detention facilities dating back to at least 2018. I recognize the value of this undertaking and commit to participating in this project.

Respectfully,

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[TEAM MEMBER NAME]

[COUNTY NAME] Sheriff

[DATE]

I am selecting a designee to serve as a member of the stakeholder team. My designee is:

[DESIGNEE’S NAME]

[DESIGNEE’S TITLE]

[DESIGNEE’S EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER]