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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01949 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on June 7 and 8, 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the CSP appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.
2. Your Plan of Correction (POC) states new options are being explored to make the Storage Room door within the Lower 80 rodent and weathertight. Please provide the corrective action and estimated date of completion when available.
3. Please provide an estimated date of repair for:
 - a. Baseboard damaged throughout warewashing area;
 - b. Wall covering damaged around tables behind warewash machine; and
 - c. Wood behind wall covering water damaged in warewashing area.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

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