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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 March 9 and 10, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted with the following exception:

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.

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

Sincerely,

Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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