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The Honorable Michael D. Hurley 24 Beacon Street, Room 335 Boston, MA 02133

Sent via email

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Dear Clerk Hurley,

I am pleased to submit to you the Childhood Trauma Task Force (CTTF)'s 2023 Annual Report. The report, which is required under M.G.L. Chapter 18C Section 14, summarizes the work of the CTTF and its affiliated Center on Child Wellbeing & Trauma (CCWT) in 2023. The current work of the Task Force in 2023 as well as planned work in 2024 will inform findings and recommendations in future reports to the Legislature.

The Childhood Trauma Task Force was established as a permanent entity by "An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform" in 2018. The Board, which I chair, consists of members representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders involved in the juvenile justice system as well as child welfare and other child serving agencies. The Legislature charged the CTTF with determining how the Commonwealth can better identify and provide services to children who have experienced trauma, with the goal of preventing future juvenile justice system involvement.

Thank you,

Maria Z. Mossaides