. . . .



THE TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS PROBATION SERVICE

Office of Community Corrections

One Ashburton Place, Room 405 Boston, MA 02108 TEL: (617) 788-3500 | FAX: (617) 936-2428 Pamerson O. Ifill Commissioner

Dianne FasanoFirst Deputy Commissioner

Vincent L. Lorenti, Esq. Executive Director

March 10, 2025

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz Chairperson House Committee on Ways and Means 24 Beacon Street, Room 243 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Michael Rodrigues Chairperson Senate Committee on Ways and Means 24 Beacon Street, Room 212 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairperson Michlewitz and Chairperson Rodrigues:

Pursuant to Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024, I submit *A Report on the Office of Community Corrections in FY 2025*. This report provides performance data of the Community Justice Support Centers in FY 2025 through January 31, 2025.

The Massachusetts Probation Service is committed to promoting safer and stronger communities by creating alternatives to jail and prison that build partnerships in the community to solve problems. This report provides statistical information about program performance and cost. These, and other data points, are useful metrics in evaluating effectiveness. They continue to point out how much less expensive investments in rigorous community-based interventions are vs. jail and prison. However, the data only tell half of the story. I urge you and your colleagues to consider visiting a Support Center Recognition Ceremony or contacting me for a personal tour of a Community Justice Support Center to get understand the impact that these programs have on those in our communities that are justice involved.

Sincerely,

Vincent L. Lorenti, Executive Director