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Dear Senate Clerk Hurley and House Clerk Carroll, Governor Healy, Chairs Velis and Domb, and Secretaries Terry and Mahaniah:

We write as the co-chairs and legislative members of the Restoration Center Commission ("Commission") established under *An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform*, Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018 ("Act") and amended under *An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023*, Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022. The Act directs the Commission to provide an annual report to the legislature by November 1.

The attached Year Eight Findings and Recommendations were compiled by ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School on behalf of the Commission and detail the following:

- Commission meetings, administration, and activities in Year Eight,
- Activities that the Restoration Center vendor, Vinfen, and ForHealth Consulting have accomplished – including the first six months of operations, and
- Findings and recommendations.

We look forward to reporting to you a year from now on the continued successes and lessons learned in implementing the Middlesex County Restoration Center pilot.

Sincerely,

Co-Chair, Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian
Middlesex County

Co-Chair, President and CEO Danna Mauch, PhD
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cc: Senate President Karen Spilka

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