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Judicial Council of California  
Criminal Justice Services  
Attn: Barbara Whiteoak, Executive Secretary  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 8th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

RE: Superior Court of El Dorado County Re-Entry Court Program Grant Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are pleased to provide this letter of support for the El Dorado County Superior Court's proposal in response to the Recidivism Reduction Fund Court Grant Program. This project will establish a Re-Entry Collaborative Court (RECC) for eligible offenders supervised on Mandatory Community Supervision (MCS) pursuant to PC §1170(h)(5) and Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) pursuant to Penal Code §3451. It will further advance each of our agencies' visions to improve the health, wellness and socialization of offenders and decrease their risk of incarceration while simultaneously reducing their risk to the public's safety. This program aligns with the goals of the Recidivism Reduction Fund Court Grant Program to reduce offender recidivism and enhance public safety. The project includes the expanded use of validated risk and needs assessments and other evidence-based practices and specifically addresses the needs of mentally ill and drug addicted offenders in our area.

The El Dorado County Probation Department, Public Defender, and the Health and Human Services Agency have a substantive commitment to advancing the goals of this project. The program and each of our agency roles adhere to the collaborative court principles as defined by the Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. The program will seek to increase the offering of services provided by the local Community Corrections Center, including use of community service providers.

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We support this initiative and look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

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