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Members of the New York State Legislature
New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Office of the Sheriff
Monroe County, New York
Sheriff Todd K. Baxter
Undersheriff Korey K. Brown

RE: Letter of Support for the Trauma Focused Recidivism Reduction Project

Dear Members of the New York State Legislature,

On behalf of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, I write in support of the Stop Abuse Campaign's Trauma Focused Recidivism Reduction Project. This initiative represents a novel and promising approach to reducing recidivism in our community by addressing trauma that is often closely linked to addiction and criminal behavior.

Both research and our experience working with incarcerated individuals in the Monroe County Jail and individuals encountered in the community demonstrate that many have significant trauma histories. Addressing trauma is a critical component of stabilizing individuals and improving public safety outcomes.

The Trauma Focused Recidivism Reduction Project is a promising way to treat trauma and help stabilize individuals following release from jail, thereby reducing the likelihood of re-arrest and continued involvement with the criminal justice system.

We respectfully encourage consideration of this project for potential state-level support, including assistance with administrative and start-up costs, so that it may be launched as early in 2026 as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd K. Baxter".

Todd K. Baxter
Monroe County Sheriff