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RE: Letter of Support for Griffin-Spalding Re-entry Demonstration Project

Dear Dr. Dennis:

We, the elected City Commissioners of Griffin, Georgia, are pleased to lend our support to the efforts of the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc. (Spalding Collaborative) to increase public safety, decrease crime and improve the lives of men and women returning to Griffin from prison. A cross-section of our community has come together to address the many needs of these individuals. We applaud their work which has culminated in the development of a comprehensive re-entry system that rests on solid scientific evidence, begins in the prisons, provides seamless support upon the release of the returning citizen, and enhances an individual's ability to remain in the community as a hardworking, law-abiding, productive member of society.

We highly recommend that you award a discretionary grant to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc. to further the efforts to improve public safety and the quality of life by reducing recidivism in Griffin, Spalding County Georgia.

Sincerely,

Ryan McLemore, Mayor
City of Griffin

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