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Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

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Members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Committee Members:

The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice has been actively engaging in discussions about ways the Commission might improve its practices to maximize its effectiveness. We have explored internal processes, statutory membership, and our recommendation procedures, among other topics. As our self-examination continues, we would like to inform Committee members of a concept that received unanimous approval from Commission members.

Specifically, the Commission supports legislation that would require a letter, every May 1 of even numbered years (prior to the Commission's annual planning retreat in June), from the Governor that provides the Commission with suggested topics for study. The legislation would be most valuable if it directed the Governor to consult with legislative leadership and the Chief Justice in preparing the letter. Upon receipt of the letter, the Commission will consider its current work areas in light of the suggested topics, and it may form a new task force or other study group, or incorporate new areas of study into existing task force work. The Commission typically studies a topic for 12-24 months prior to making recommendations.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. Thank you for your interest in the Commission's work.

Sincerely,

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