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Under Secretary Mike Lawlor
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
Office of Policy and Management
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Dear Under Secretary Lawlor,

The leaders of the CT Reentry Collaborative would like to thank you for all the work that has been done around criminal justice reform and reentry under Governor Malloy's administration. We feel there have been many positive changes impacting thousands of individuals who have returned home or been diverted from incarceration. Connecticut is leading the way when it comes to these reforms.

With that being said, the CT Reentry Collaborative, a stakeholder in this process, is concerned about the continuity of this progress with the introduction of new executive branch administration that may be wholly unfamiliar with the current strategic objectives and strategies for reform. As such, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP), as convener of the CT Reentry Collaborative, would like to work with your office to review and revise the 2011 State of Connecticut's Reentry Strategy.

With an updated statewide reentry strategy, each community could align policies/goals around current best practices, reducing silos, building stronger collaborations; which, in turn, would allow us to be more united when a new administration comes in next year. Creating safer communities, supporting the rights of victims, and reducing recidivism are fundamental core beliefs of the CT Reentry Collaborative, along with treating individuals with dignity and respect as they return home from incarceration.

It is our hope you will grant us the opportunity to update the State of Connecticut's Reentry Strategy as we believe this will have a positive impact on each of our communities across our state. Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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