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Re: Recovery Act: Byrne Competitive Grant Program Application

Greetings:

I am the Chief Presiding Judge for the King County District Court and am writing to express my Court's support for the King County Sheriff's Office in this grant request. Their effort seeks to design and implement a new and innovative approach to how law enforcement carries out its role in protecting the community. This approach is preventative in nature and seeks to incorporate advances in knowledge of behavioral sciences to protect victims of violence. It incorporates a model approach for how to de-escalate violent tendencies. If funded, the Sheriff's Office plans to

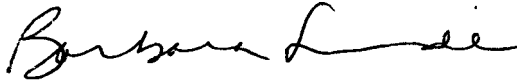
conduct a pilot project to test the Sheriff's Office concept, validate the concept by conducting an evaluation, and publish the concept's design, assessment, and effectiveness as a national model.

Public safety and criminal justice in King County (which includes Seattle) has been extremely hard hit by the economic crisis. We anticipate that this proposal will add or

save nine jobs in the criminal justice system that is being impacted by our community's financial crisis, and is consistent with the intent of the Recovery Act.

I feel that this program, if successful, could lead to significant benefits to the criminal justice community and the community at large.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Linde
Chief Presiding Judge
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