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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm happy to write this letter in support of the Liberty Mill Justice Center in Bellows Falls, VT. As a long-time law enforcement officer and retired police chief, I endorse efforts to keep offenders out of prison if there are better solutions, and those that are being advanced by the Center are realistically and philosophically consistent with the sort of response that will better suit offender and community needs and significantly assist with providing opportunities to avoid recidivism.

I'm also in support of the concept of using a part of the Center to address law enforcement training needs. The idea of using the Center as an off-site training location for the Vermont Police Academy will not only allow us to deliver necessary training to officers who are fairly far removed from the Academy, but it will also expose them to the other functions of the Center. To see these efforts working will encourage officers—which will include agency heads and other police leaders—to support those function in their own communities.

Sincerely,



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