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The Honorable Scott U. Schlegel
24th Judicial District Court
200 Derbigny, Suite 5400
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Dear Judge Schlegel:

As Governor of the great state of Louisiana, I fully support the 24th Judicial District Court's (JDC) "Smart on Crime Initiative." Your dedication in implementing effective technological communication tools as part of this initiative is a testament to your passion and determination in ensuring the successful reentry of persons formerly incarcerated back into society. As you know, two of the primary goals of our 2017 justice reinvestment efforts focused on: (1) strengthening community supervision; and (2) improving the process for responding to violations of probation and parole conditions with swift, certain, and proportional sanctions.

The Justice Reinvestment Task Force found that these two critical components were necessary contributors to effectively reduce our state's recidivism rates. We support the 24th Judicial District Court's innovative technology developments, which we consider to be a major part of fulfilling the Task Force's goals.

Thank you for having the vision to bring a modern component to our decades old approach to criminal justice. I look forward to the state's continued partnership with the judicial branch as we make progress in reducing recidivism, supporting victims of crimes, and strengthening overall public safety.

With Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor