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Honorable Scott U. Schlegel
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Dear Judge Schlegel:

On behalf of the Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court, thank you for visiting with us recently to discuss the 24th Judicial District Court's "Smart on Crime Initiative." We agree with the judges of the 24th Judicial District Court that the criminal justice system should be reimagined to better protect our communities and give those who have been provided a second chance a real opportunity to succeed. We also agree that the use of new and existing technologies present opportunities for creative uses throughout the criminal justice system to help with our goals of improving public safety, becoming more efficient and drastically reducing recidivism rates.

We are impressed with your and your colleagues' commitment to do things "smarter from arrest through the completion of the case" aided by developing technologies, and we commend your innovative spirit and approach. We support the 24th Judicial District Court's Smart on Crime initiatives that are designed to better protect our communities and rehabilitate those incarcerated or under community supervision. We look forward to hearing of your progress as these initiatives proceed and technologies are developed.

Again, thank you for your dedication to finding creative solutions to the challenges we face within our criminal justice system.

Yours very truly,


Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson

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