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The Honorable Robert E. Craven Sr.
House Committee on Judiciary
82 Smith Street
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Re: House Resolution 8145 – Extending the Reporting and Expiration Dates of the Special Legislative Task Force to Improve the Long-Term Outcomes and Reduce Recidivism of Females Within the Criminal Justice Population

Dear Chairperson Craven:

This evening the House Judiciary Committee will consider House Resolution #8145. The passage of this resolution extends the reporting and expiration dates of the task force to improve long-term outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, from February 5, 2024, to May 3, 2024, and would expire on June 7, 2024. The Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) supports this legislation.

Under the leadership of Representative Solomon and Senator Kallman, the cochairs of the Task Force to Improve the Long-Term Outcomes and Reduce Recidivism of Females Within the Criminal Justice Population, this 19-member group has thoughtfully discussed and explored the challenges and opportunities to support the female population exiting the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI). The notable subjects analyzed by this group include housing, access to identity documents, and other transitional services. The unique challenges faced by incarcerated women and those reentering the community remain significant and require continued creative collaboration amongst this diverse group of stakeholders. This modest extension will enable the task force to proceed in a methodical way designed to appropriately identify areas of opportunity.

RIDOC is grateful to have worked in good faith with these stakeholders who share the desire to achieve progress in a meaningful and sustainable way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne T. Salisbury Jr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Wayne T. Salisbury Jr.
Acting Director

cc: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Representative Solomon
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House