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Mr. Michael C. Green  
Executive Deputy Commissioner  
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services  
Alfred E. Smith Building  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210

Re: GIVE Application

Dear Mr. Green:

I enthusiastically support Dutchess County's application for a GIVE Grant. My office is always on the lookout for new tools to aid law enforcement in their efforts to make our communities safer and stronger, and theirs is a well-conceived application for a worthy funding source.

The City of Poughkeepsie continues to be a problem area with regard to gun-involved violence stemming from gang- and drug-related activities. But county officials are taking a comprehensive approach to reducing these crimes, as reflected in the strategies detailed in their application. The district attorney's office will be supporting the initiative by assigning a pair of senior prosecutors to oversee its implementation, continually evaluate what is working and what needs to be changed, maintain vital databases for investigative efforts, and coordinate improved relations between the community and law enforcement officials.

At a time when the county budget is stretched thin and resources are scarce, it is essential that the state of New York step to the plate and supplement local efforts aimed at crime reduction. The GIVE program allows us, as state officials, to provide the resources to ramp up these operations at an important time. I proudly support Dutchess County's application and urge you to give it careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Gipson". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Senator Terry Gipson  
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