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To whom it may concern:

I would like to comment on the potential priority (No. 12) involving Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) courts. The Northern District of Illinois has had an ATI court for five years. We are committed to study and research involving these courts to understand whether true reform is happening and because we want to ensure our resources are being used effectively. As a result, we have partnered with 16 districts and allowed for our data to be used by John Jay University. We would welcome the opportunity to be a part of a multi-year study for various reasons. One, we do know the preliminary research has shown favorable outcomes for these types of courts. Secondly, the last twenty graduates of our program has yielded positive results, meaning of the 20 graduates, there have been zero total new arrests since their respective graduation dates.

Thank you for your consideration.

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