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RE: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

Intervention and prevention are key components to any comprehensive crime-fighting strategy. In order to fully address the problem of gangs, violent crime and drug abuse we must reach children at an early age with a positive message. This is where the Take Charge Program, Inc. makes a perfect partner.

The urban problems that plague big cities have touched this close knit community and pose a threat to an otherwise peaceful existence. We see this daily in the prosecution of criminals of every stripe that prey on Prince George's County and its residents. Many of these perpetrators are "home-grown".

To stop this trend it is my hope that all sectors of law enforcement and social services will assist in providing resources to organizations like the Take Charge Program. This non-profit has an established track record of keeping young people on the right side of the law by involving them in supervised social events and community-oriented activities.

As the State's Attorney in a county often challenged by crime, I see the Take Charge Program as a step up towards meeting that challenge. By giving at-risk children guidance and direct supervision Take Charge prevents them from turning to the allure of the streets.

In these tough economic times it is always difficult to allocate dollars to programs that might be deemed too "touchy-feely". By working with the youth of the area it keeps many of them in the school house not in the court house or the "big house" and by any measure that is an investment worth making.

Please favorably consider assisting the Take Charge Program as it will help prevent crime in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela D. Alsobrooks".

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