



September 24, 2013

Dear County:

I am writing to convey my full support for the National Pretrial Reporting Program (NPRP), led by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Pretrial Justice Institute (PJI), and the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute (UI). This project seeks to explore the feasibility of generating nationally representative statistics about the pretrial population and develop strategies for creating a data collection program at the national level. The results from the Jurisdictional Capacity Survey will inform this project's work.

As the first partner in PJI's Pretrial Justice Working Group, the National Association of Counties and its members fully understand the need to promote research and development in the field of pretrial services. We are keenly aware of the lack of nationally representative data currently available on the pretrial population. The need for such data today is particularly acute; in the past two decades, the United States' jail population has experienced dramatic growth, driven in part by the increasing numbers of defendants held in jail while awaiting their trial. As a result of this increase and its associated costs, the management of the growing pretrial population has become a major area of concern for practitioners, policymakers, academics, and the general public. However, since the limited data that currently exist on the pretrial population do not provide information on pretrial programs or evidence-based practices, it cannot shed light on the processing of pretrial cases or cost-effective strategies of managing pretrial populations. If successful, the data collection program developed through the NPRP will help fill this crucial gap in the availability of relevant, comprehensive data on the pretrial population.

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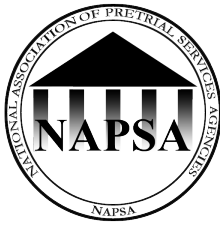
to pull this data, and the way in which information is located within different parts of the criminal justice system in each jurisdiction. These findings will help inform and develop NPRP's data collection program and strategy going forward.

We fully support the Jurisdictional Capacity Survey because we believe it will provide invaluable information to NPRP and help the project create a data collection program that addresses the limitations in national pretrial data collection. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Gillison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "G".

Dan Gillison
Director, County Solutions and Innovation
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National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies

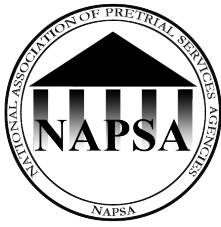
August 26, 2013

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As one of the aims of National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) is to promote research and development in the field of pretrial services, we are keenly aware of the lack of nationally representative data currently available on the pretrial population. The need for such data today is particularly acute; in the past two decades, the United States' jail population has experienced dramatic growth, driven in part by the increasing numbers of defendants held in jail while awaiting their trial. As a result of this increase and its associated costs, the management of the growing pretrial population has become a major area of concern for practitioners, policymakers, academics, and the general public. However, since the limited data that currently exist on the pretrial population do not provide information on pretrial programs or evidence-based practices, it cannot shed light on the processing of pretrial cases or cost-effective strategies of managing pretrial populations. If successful, the data collection program developed through the NPRP will help fill this crucial gap in the availability of relevant, comprehensive data on the pretrial population.

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Cherise Fanno Burdeen
President