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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our undersigned organizations, we are pleased to support the enclosed 2020 National Survey of Prosecutors (NSP) conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and supported by RTI International and the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA). Now more than ever, the collection, analysis and utilization of data in a prosecutor's office holds enormous potential to improve the functioning of a prosecutor's office, but also ensure a more efficient, effective and fair criminal justice system.

Conducted every few years, the NSP aims to collect data on prosecutorial activities nationwide and administrative and legal issues facing prosecutors who handle felony cases in state courts. Data gathered will cover a variety of topics, including annual office budgets, tenure and salaries of chief prosecutors, staffing information, use of diversion and problem-solving courts, and case statistics.

We understand that you are frequently asked to participate in surveys and the burden of doing so is significant. However, the NSP is unique in that its questions were developed in consultation with prosecutors like you and it is conducted by BJS, the federal statistical agency responsible for collecting and reporting data on the criminal justice system. We hope you will take the time to complete this survey in order to not only lift up the great work being done by prosecutors around the country, but also to identify the challenges you face as you seek justice and serve your communities. Our hope is that the availability of new baseline data from prosecutors' offices of all sizes from around the country, including yours, will better inform resource gaps and the needs in the field to help you perform your roles more effectively. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact George Ebo Browne at 202-307-1618 or at george.browne@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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