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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Russell Vought  
Acting Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Director:

This letter responds to your request for the views and recommendation of the Department of Justice (the Department) on enrolled bill, S. 3312, the "Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020." The Department recommends that the President sign this important bill.

The bill would provide an important tool to ensure public safety in communities nationwide by addressing the longstanding problem of incarcerated adults with serious mental illness. Specifically, it authorizes the Attorney General to provide grants to States for the purpose of providing critical services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system from the pretrial detention phase, through incarceration, and continuing after the individual is released into the community. These grants would provide continuous services and treatment for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders, to enable them to successfully recover, and lead healthy and productive lives after their release from correctional facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of additional assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Blanche Hankey".

Mary Blanche Hankey  
Acting Assistant Attorney General