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The Honorable William H. Steele

United States District Court

Southern District of Alabama

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Dear Judge Steele,

I recently became aware of an anti-gun offense/anti-violence strategy being used in numerous other federal districts in the country and I believe its a program we could easily establish here in Mobile without consuming any additional scarce financial resources. I have affirmatively partnered with the Mobile County District Attorneys Office, the Mobile County Sheriffs Office, the Mobile Police Department and the Alabama Department of Probation and Parole in order to implement the attached proposal.

At an initial meeting to discuss this proposal both District Attorney Ashley Rich and Sheriff Sam Cochran opined that the program would have a much greater impact on the program participants if the meetings described in the attachments were conducted in a courtroom in the federal courthouse rather than a courtroom in the county courthouse. In many ways, these meetings with potential federal offenders would be very similar to the probation office conferences now ordered by the court. However, it would be a chance to deter the potential federal offender from engaging in conduct that would warrant them being under a federal criminal indictment.

I understand that holding these meetings in the federal courthouse might require an imposition on the courts normal proceedings and the consumption of additional protective resources. Nonetheless, I believe that the attached proposal could have a positive law enforcement impact on the community. Once youve had an opportunity to review the proposal please give me a call so that I can come over and discuss it with you and Marshal Andrews. Also please note that the attached tri-fold handout brochure from the District of Maryland would be changed to reflect that we are in the state of Alabama. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,