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November 6, 2019

Charles R. Walsh, Jr., LCSW
Executive Director
Middle Peninsula Northern Neck CSB

RE: Hybrid CIT Proposal

Dear Mr. Walsh,

Please accept this letter as my support for the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck CSB's proposal to develop and implement a Hybrid CIT plan. A Hybrid CIT response system would effectively serve various counties that are currently underserved due to the closing of the Kilmarnock CIT site in September.

As a result of the Kilmarnock CIT site shut down, the remaining CIT site in Gloucester limits accessibility for many counties, including Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, King and Queen and King William. The Hybrid CIT proposal would alleviate this problem by utilizing on-call CIT-trained LEOs to accept the transfer of custody of individuals at local hospitals. Moreover, this would allow law enforcement officers to return to their communities more quickly and reduce the stress on law enforcement agencies with limited resources.

In conclusion, the implementation of a Hybrid CIT is a creative and efficient solution that will maximize the CSB's ability to assist individuals in crisis within their service area. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ryan T. McDougle'.

Ryan T. McDougle
Member, Virginia Senate
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