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Stephanie Clendenin, Director
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Re: Letter of Support for the County of Humboldt's Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion and Community Based Restoration Programming

Dear Ms. Clendenin:

I am writing to express the Humboldt County Public Defender Office's strong support for the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and their grant application to develop residential housing for individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial in Humboldt County. The proposed programming will address a critical gap in care and stability for these individuals who need supportive housing in a therapeutic setting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke Brownfield".

Luke Brownfield
Chief Public Defender

cc: Robert Ward, JD
Humboldt County Dept of Health and Human Services