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Senator Lyons-

Hello! I wanted to reach out because I understand that you got some feedback about DAIL being represented on the First Responder Commission. Although I very much appreciate the advocacy on behalf of the Department, I would respectfully disagree with the recommendation. I am confident that any coordination we needed to do within the Agency could and would happen and I think it's important that we don't set every table with reps from every area- we've got to ensure that Commissions are nimble and I'm confident that my colleagues in DOC and DMH will keep us in the loop. You know that I'm not shy about inserting us when necessary so I wanted to be sure you were aware where I stood. It's a great bill and I'll be happy to see it moving forward.

Thanks- Monica