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State Senator ♦ 25th District

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To Whom It May Concern:

As State Senator of the 25th District of Illinois, I would like to offer my support of the Aurora Police Department and their application for the FY22 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Aurora Police Department in partnership with the Family Service Association of the Greater Elgin Area has been working side by side to provide co-response and crisis case management to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. This partnership has allowed for the creation of the Crisis Intervention Unit which not only provides mental health resources but also increases collaboration with community partners including hospitals, schools, court services, social service organizations and other law enforcement agencies. Since its implementation, the partnership has successfully connected individuals to mental health services in lieu of jail.

I look forward to working with the Aurora Police Department as they continue providing crisis management services for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. I write this letter in support of the Aurora Police Department and their application for the FY22 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Villa". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and a cursive "Villa".

Karina Villa, MSW  
State Senator, 25th District