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January 3, 2024

Mr. Joe Falkenburg Fall River County Commission Chair

Sent via email only

Dear Commissioner Falkenburg,

The agenda for the Commission's January 4th meeting shows the Commission intends to have discussion and potential action regarding the Justice Center proposal. I know that Elevatus is going to be at the Commission's January 18, 2024 meeting to discuss the County's planning, and I have asked one of our judges as well as our circuit administrator to be present as well. I think it is important that the Commission hear our thoughts regarding the planning, and how to best incorporate the court's requirements. In particular, some security issues would need to be addressed in any justice planning regardless of which direction the Commission takes.

In short, I ask the Commission to wait at least until the January 18, 2024 meeting before formalizing any justice center path. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Presiding Circuit Judge