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Detective Shawn Murphy Monmouth County Prosecutors Office 132 Jerseyville Ave. Freehold, NJ 07728

Re: Special Needs Registry (SNR)

Dear Detective Murphy:

On behalf of 180 Turning Lives Around, I would like to comment you on the development of the Special Needs Registry for Monmouth County residents. We believe this program will be of great assistance to residents of Monmouth County with special needs who may be in need of emergency assistance. By voluntarily registering beforehand, residents will now know that responders will be aware of their special needs and can respond appropriately.

180 Turning Lives Around is the lead domestic and sexual violence agency in Monmouth County. For 40 years we have been serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children, providing emergency shelter, 24/7 hotline, counseling, transitional housing, children's services, court advocacy, and crisis response. We have a long standing relationship with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office in working collaboratively meeting the needs of victims and survivors in our community.

As many of our client's or their family members may have special needs, we are glad this registry has been created for their use. 180 Turning Lives Around fully supports the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry.

Sincerely

Jo Ann Palumbo, LCSW

**Director of Program Services**