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Detective Shawn Murphy
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

On behalf of Monmouth Medical Center, I would like to commend you and all involved on the development and implementation of the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry.

Monmouth Medical Center provides a wide range of emergency and crisis services countywide to a population ranging in age from infancy to seniors. Our services include not only treatment of critical medical conditions but also, as the state's Designated Psychiatric Screening Service for Monmouth County, response to the most emergent crises involving individuals experiencing acute episodes of psychosis, threats of suicide, or any number of behavioral disturbances. The Monmouth County Special Needs Registry could be a vital piece of our collaborative efforts to enhance safety and minimize risk to all of those in crisis – including patients, their families, and first responders.

Monmouth Medical Center strongly supports this program as we predict it will greatly assist in our mission to provide services to those in our community who may be in crisis in a manner that is safe for residents and responders alike. Detective Murphy has met with some of our leadership staff in emergency services and we have already begun to educate our patients and their families and are encouraging them to participate in the Registry. We are also scheduling sessions for Detective Murphy to meet with our clinical staff and will continue to spread the word and encourage participation.

Thank you for all of your hard work in getting this project off the ground.

Sincerely,

Jim Romer
Director, Psychiatric Crisis Services
Monmouth Medical Center

cc:
Christopher Gramiccioni, County Prosecutor