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To Whom It May Concern:

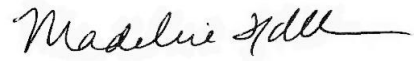
The Innocence Project works to correct and prevent the wrongful conviction and imprisonment of innocent people. Specifically, we provide *pro bono* legal services to identify and free innocent people in prison. We also engage in advocacy to improve the fairness and accuracy of the criminal justice system, including, among other activities, direct training for law enforcement professionals and education and outreach to the public.

Wrongful convictions cause tremendous harm, not only to the innocent and their families, but also to crime victims and the general public, and they can have a profound negative impact on public trust in police, police legitimacy, and police-community relations. When the wrong person – an innocent person – is convicted and imprisoned, the person who committed the crime remains free and a continued threat to public safety. In addition, prosecution and imprisonment of the wrong person wastes precious police and other criminal justice resources and robs citizens of their faith in law enforcement and our criminal justice system. Simple improvements to policing and police investigations can significantly reduce the chance of false arrest and wrongful conviction. The public needs to believe that law enforcement agencies and individual officers are willing to take whatever steps necessary to ensure public safety and the reliability of arrests and convictions of fellow citizens. The public also deserves transparency in policing around mistakes and misconduct that can lead to wrongful convictions and around efforts to prevent mistakes and misconduct and, instead, to provide the protection, truth, and justice with which law enforcement is charged with delivering. Transparency enables disputes about the conduct of investigators, including claims of misconduct, to be grounded in evidence available to all parties.

Through its important work to enhance police and community relations, the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) helps to ensure the fair, transparent, and professional delivery of police services, which, in turn, helps improve the outcome of police

investigations and prevent false arrests and wrongful conviction. We are supportive of this work and look forward to opportunities to collaborate in the creation of a fairer and unfailing criminal justice process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Madeline H. deLone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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