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Dear Recipient of JJAG Grant Award

In this time of uncertainty regarding federal funding, I want to take a moment on behalf of the Department of Corrections as fiscal agent for Maine's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) to provide some assurance and additional information that may be helpful to your organization.

To date, the State has received no indication that Title II funds awarded to States by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) are at risk of being withheld or eliminated. In a sign of continued commitment to funding state participation in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the federal law was introduced in the U.S. Senate on June 10, 2025. One of the bill sponsors, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said upon submitting the reauthorization bill, "Our bipartisan bill builds off decades of work to strengthen the core tenets of this critical program, and I thank Senator Whitehouse for his continued partnership to protect and improve outcomes for at-risk youth."

Should Maine officials receive information suggesting any change in direction at the federal level that causes concern for the Title II funds Maine receives from OJJDP, you will receive notice. Although the State of Maine cannot provide replacement funds should federal funding be disrupted, we will do our best to minimize impact on your organization. While your organization is receiving JJAG funds, here are some tips to help ensure payment as quickly as possible:

1. Submit your invoices every 30 days. Delays in submitting invoices may result in delayed payments.
2. Request that JJAG funds be received via direct deposit rather than by paper check issued by the State of Maine. Issuing payments by paper check requires additional processing and will delay payment to your organization.
3. Notify Juvenile Justice Specialist Linda Barry Potter immediately of any changes to your organization's name, address, or primary point of contact. Maintaining current records for your organization with the JJAG ensures that the State agency issuing payment has the information to needed to contact your organization.

On behalf of the Maine Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Services, I offer sincere gratitude for the valuable service you provide Maine's most vulnerable youth. Please feel free to contact me or Juvenile Justice Specialist Linda Barry Potter should you have any questions or concerns regarding the award you've received from Maine's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. We're here to help you help Maine youth and families!

Sincerely,

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