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Dear Dr. Kalmanoff:

I wanted to compliment you and your staff for the superior job done on ILPP's recent evaluation of the criminal and civil process in Montgomery County. The report is, to say the least, thought provoking.

Sometimes one works too close to a situation to see it clearly. That frequently one cannot see the forest for the trees is a truism that should be obvious to us all.

A coordinating and implementation committee has now been established. The first issues on which it is focusing are the integration of the various information systems and a review of the bail/pre-trial release process.

Your report is the springboard from which serious reviews and change, I believe, will come. I will keep you advised on our progress.

Thank you for your effort.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Merrill

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