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The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin
President, Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
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Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on December 4, 2023
Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County to provide licensed social workers, social workers or similar professionals for the City's Police and Mental Health Co-Responder Program for the Department of Public Safety, as authorized under Ord. No. 894-2022

Dear Council President Griffin:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the December 4, 2023, City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting of legislation to authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more contracts with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County to provide licensed social workers, social workers or similar professionals for the City's Police and Mental Health Co-Responder Program for the Department of Public Safety. The contract(s) will be made from Fund 10 Subfund 400 in the approximate amount of \$4,465,232.65 over the term of the contract.

Passage of this legislation is critical for the City's Police and Mental Health Co-Responder Program to prevent a lapse in these critically needed services for mental health professionals to assist with the safety, understanding and service to individuals in crisis and their families.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, you may contact me at (216) 664-2227.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Karrie D. Howard in black ink.

Karrie D. Howard, Director
Department of Public Safety

Approved:

Blaine A. Griffin, President
Cleveland City Council

cc: Patricia Britt, Clerk of Council
All Members of Council
Bradford Davy, Chief of Staff
Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff & Chief Government Affairs Officer