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Dear Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In accordance with the legal requirements set forth in 20 ILCS 2605/2605-51.1, this correspondence is intended to function as the annual report for the Commission on Implementing the Firearms Restraining Order Act. This report will provide a comprehensive overview of the initiatives undertaken over the past year, including statistical data, program assessments, challenges faced, and recommendations for future improvements. Our commitment to ensuring public safety through effective implementation of this legislation remains paramount, and this report reflects our ongoing efforts and dedication to this crucial mandate.

On September 20, 2024, the Commission gathered to hear an insightful presentation from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding the innovative Pause to Heal campaign. This initiative represents a strategic partnership involving the IDPH, Brady: United Against Gun Violence, and the Ad Council, aimed at addressing the pressing issue of gun violence through community engagement and mental health support. Notably, this Illinois campaign marks the initial phase of a broader, multi-state strategy designed to foster healing and resilience in communities affected by gun violence, ultimately promoting public safety and well-being across the region. The Illinois initiative marks the inaugural phase of the broader, multi-state "Pause to Heal" campaign. This comprehensive effort aims to significantly reduce firearm-related suicides and shootings through public education concerning the state's Firearms Restraining Order law. This law empowers family and household members to petition a court for a temporary restriction on an individual's access to firearms and ammunition if they present a danger to themselves or others. By increasing awareness and understanding of these legal provisions, the campaign seeks to foster safer communities and encourage proactive intervention in crisis situations.

During the meeting, the Commission received an informative update from the Attorney General's office, highlighting ongoing efforts in statewide training initiatives. In 2024 alone, the office has successfully conducted sixteen trainings focused on Firearms Restraining Orders, following a robust schedule of around twenty trainings in 2023. These educational sessions primarily target law enforcement personnel; however, they also extend to judges, probation officers, clerks, prosecutors, advocates, veteran groups, and engaged community members. The Attorney General's office is committed to enhancing accessibility by continuing to offer both virtual and in-person training opportunities to cater to diverse learning preferences. In 2024, the Illinois State Police successfully conducted six trainings focused on Clear

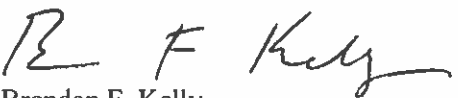
and Present Danger and Firearms Restraining Orders, building on their prior year's achievements where they held eleven similar sessions in 2023. This brings the cumulative total to seventeen trainings over the two-year span. Notably, thirteen of these trainings were specifically designed for law enforcement agencies, with some sessions being collaborative efforts that included medical professionals to ensure a well-rounded approach. Additionally, the remaining four trainings were tailored for schools, emphasizing the importance of preparedness and awareness in various community sectors regarding firearms safety and crisis intervention.

Finally, the meeting concluded with the Illinois State Police discussing the recently updated clear and present danger administrative rules and process.

According to data from the Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts, during calendar year 2023 there were 148 emergency and plenary Firearms Restraining Orders issued/granted. Of the total, 99 were emergency and 49 were plenary. In the First Circuit, Union County had one emergency and Williamson County had one emergency. In the Second Circuit, Crawford County had one emergency and Richland County had one emergency. In the Third Circuit, Madison County had three emergency and one plenary. In the Fourth Circuit, Clinton County had one emergency. In the Sixth Circuit, Champaign had four emergency and six plenaries. In the Seventh Circuit, Sangamon County had one emergency and one plenary. In the Eighth Circuit, Adams County had two emergencies. In the Ninth Circuit, Fulton County had one emergency. In the Tenth Circuit, Tazwell County had two emergency and one plenary. In the Eleventh Circuit, McLean County had three emergency and three plenaries. In the Twelfth Circuit, Will County have had six emergency orders. In the Thirteenth Circuit, Grundy County had one emergency. In the Fourteenth Circuit, Mercer County had one emergency and one plenary. Rock Island County had one emergency. In the Fifteenth Circuit, Stephenson County had one emergency. In the Seventeenth Circuit, Boone County had one emergency and Winnebago County had one emergency. In the Eighteenth Circuit, DuPage County had thirty emergency and twenty-two plenaries. In the Nineteenth Circuit, Lake County had eleven emergency and five plenaries. In the Twentieth Circuit, St. Clair County had two emergency and three plenaries. In the Twenty-First Circuit, Kankakee County had one emergency. In the Twenty-Second Circuit, McHenry County had fourteen emergency and four plenaries. In the Twenty-Third Circuit, Kendall County had two emergency and one plenary. It should be noted that Cook County did not report this data for 2023 to the Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts. According to Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS), during 2023 Cook County had fifty-seven.

In closing, I would once again encourage you to review our May 17, 2023, annual report from last year, which contained legislative recommendations to improve the Firearms Restraining Order Act. No new legislative recommendations were approved by the Commission.

Respectfully,



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Chairman