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Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
President
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 North Clark Street Room 537
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

This letter is pertaining to the proposed Securus contract amendment. As I am certain that you are aware, the Cook County Sheriff's Department has diligently and aggressively worked in collaboration with Cook County CIO, Simona Rollinson and her team to improve the telephone communication process within the Cook County Jail. The collaborative work was designed to further reduce calling rates and fees and provide extra calling features for detainees and those wishing to communicate with the detainees. These enhanced features would provide the ability for additional communication from the detainees in the Cook County Jail to their family, loved ones and friends.

As I have indicated in the past, our office strives to ensure that the costs associated with telephone communication to inmates in our Custody at the Cook County jail is not excessive as any such costs would further burden families wishing to communicate with detainees in our jail system. My office is fully committed and will continue to work with CIO Rollinson to implement the approved changes.

I am confident that the proposed amendment will provide additional financial relief to those trying to communicate with detainees at the jail, without compromising the security and daily operations of the Department of Corrections.

Please feel free to contact my office at (312) 603-6435 with questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Dart
Sheriff of Cook County

cc: Tasha Cruzat, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Simona Rollison, Chief Information Officer

