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The Honorable Kim Reynolds
Governor
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

The Central Iowa Trauma Recovery Center (CITRC) is pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of the initiative proposed by 5.1.5 FoReNsics.

As a full-service trauma recovery center for survivors of violent crime that provides free mental health, clinical care coordination, and medication management, we are committed to removing barriers. This proposed initiative accomplishes that objective for survivors of sexual assault. It is our expressed vision to elevate the standard of care for survivors in Iowa. Due to the fragmented interventions currently in place for sexual assault survivors, many fall through the cracks, further delaying their ability to heal and recover. We see the need for sexual assault survivors to have this additional resource.

We support the effort to align and reimagine services to survivors. Sexual assault survivors deserve the level of comprehensive and client centered care that this initiative will provide for them and their families. As our collective research has shown, this type of service delivery reduces emergency room visits, further injuries and offers greater continuity of care across systems.

515 FoReNsics is an unparalleled leader in the field of forensic nursing. They have established the highest standard of care for Iowa's medical treatment of sexual assault survivors and the collection of forensic evidence from our most vulnerable and traumatized populations.

This letter of recommendation comes with our full measure of support, and we encourage your thoughtful consideration. CITRC looks forward to a collaboration that elevates the standard of care for all survivors in Iowa.

Best regards,

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