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To the Citizens of Jackson County:

Under RSMo, Chapters 540.031 and 221.300, the duties of grand jurors include the examination of public buildings, including a jail, and reporting on their conditions, as well as the treatment of prisoners. Based on that statutory authority, I requested a review of the Jackson County Detention Center in August 2017. Our Presiding Judge and the Circuit Judge responsible for oversight of the Grand Jury agreed to grant the grand jurors such authority.

In turn, the grand jurors went to work. The work was so extensive that a second grand jury was empaneled to continue this important work. The attached report is the culmination of that work and represents hundreds of hours of testimony, review of material, writing and their own walk through of the facility. I am humbled by the diligence and work ethic of these Jackson County residents who undertook such an enormous task, guided dutifully by the following oath:

Do you solemnly swear you will diligently inquire and true presentment make, according to your charge, of all offenses against the laws of the state committed or triable in this county of which you have or can obtain legal evidence; the counsel of your state, your fellows and your own, you shall truly keep secret? You further swear that you will present no one for any hatred, malice or ill will; neither will you leave unrepresented any one for love, fear, favor or affection, or for any reward or the hope or promise thereof, but that you will present things truly as they come to your knowledge, to the best of your understanding, according to the laws of this state, so help you God.

Sincerely,

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