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City Manager

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Mr. Gary Carpenter  
Founder and Director  
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Dear Mr. Carpenter,

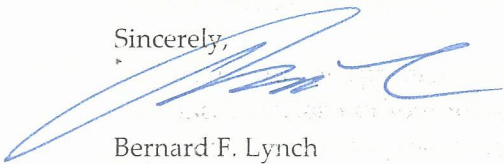
On behalf of the city's Partnership for Change to End Homelessness in 10 Years (10YP), I would like to thank you for your participation at our October 28th *Keys to Ending Homelessness Conference 5: Criminal Justice Reentry Strategies*; and for helping to make it such a success.

All those who attended the Luncheon Panel had an opportunity to learn more about some of the causes that lead to your incarceration and the commitment and fortitude that it has taken for you to turn your life around to the success that it is today.

As you may know, this conference is part of an 8-conference series on ending homelessness. The mission of the series is to engage the community in the discussion on what it will take to end homelessness; provide clear and comprehensive strategies and tools to implement change; and invite the best, most knowledgeable speakers to empower and inspire us with examples of local and national best practices; and comprehensive criminal justice strategies. With your help, I believe that we met and exceeded these goals in Conference 5.

On a personal note, I'd like to congratulate you and all those who helped you along the way to become a role model for those still working to reenter their communities and move forward successfully with their lives. I also want to thank you for telling your story and helping the city to stay focused on the guiding principals of Lowell's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness: the importance of education, the dignity of work; and the moral responsibility and cost effectiveness of housing vs. shelter for everyone. I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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