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Members of the Justice and Public Safety Oversight Committee:

I am writing to show my support for the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Program. This Program is a lifeline for victims of domestic violence in North Carolina. No matter the economic status of the victim or defendant, this Program allows for something more than just a domestic violence protective order to be issued, it gives victims a true sense of security. Knowing that the defendant is being monitored, and that the victim will be notified if that defendant gets too close, has the ability to continually keep victims from a potential life and death situation. This is the only option of its kind in our district that offers 24/7 coverage, that can immediately notify the victim if the defendant violates the court ordered "stay away" provisions. I wish this program was available for post domestic violence convictions, AND available for other types of pretrial release.

This program protects not just the victims, but also the defendant. It allows for the ability to prove the whereabouts of the defendant, and if falsely accused, can prove innocence. The CJIN Program gives NC Court Personnel peace of mind as well, since it ensures that everyone involved in the case is notified, including law enforcement, as any changes occur, mitigating the risk for all stakeholders. Our stakeholder agencies work well together to ensure that we do everything in our power to quick monitoring and quick responses to potential violations.

As with all successful programs, it relies on the funding to remain successful. 63 counties have signed up for the program. I implore this Committee to continue to fund this extremely valuable tool for the State of North Carolina. Every victim can only benefit from having



access to the CJIN Program, which can only happen if the funding is secured through the North Carolina General Assembly.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital and effective Program.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Ussery

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Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus Counties