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Dear Members of the Association of Criminal Justice Research of California,

On behalf of the Presley Center of Crime & Justice Studies at the University of California, Riverside, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your organization's service in catalyzing conversations and creating space for dialogue about criminal justice. Your knowledge-sharing efforts have been instrumental in shaping a more connected and informed criminal justice community.

We are honored by your generous offer to entrust our Center with your remaining funds of \$22,000.00. We view this as not only an investment in our work, but also as a continuation of ACJRC's mission to stimulate critical discussion and knowledge exchange on criminal justice issues in our state.

The Presley Center's research program focuses on topics vital to criminal justice: re-entry and rehabilitation, workforce reintegration of justice-impacted individuals, and broader efforts to strengthen evidence-based practice and policy. We are committed to advancing high-quality research that speaks directly to policymakers, practitioners, and community. Just as importantly, we are deeply invested in disseminating our findings broadly—through academic publications, reports for practitioner audiences, presentations to policymakers, and stakeholder convenings—so that knowledge can support meaningful action. Further, the Presley Center also works closely with undergraduate and graduate students through fellowships, internships, and mentoring, preparing them to carry forward the values of rigorous research and public service that ACJRC has long championed.

Your trust in our work is profoundly meaningful and we are committed to honoring ACJRC's legacy by using these funds to continue advancing criminal justice research in California and ensuring that findings reach a wide community of practitioners, community members, students, and academics – akin to those you have brought together over the years.

With our gratitude,

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