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Niagara County Probation
John Cicchetti, Probation Director
Golden Triangle Building
111 Main Street, Suite #201
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RE: 2017-2018 Probation Annual State Aid Plan and Application

Dear Probation Director Cicchetti :

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the timely submission of your department's 2017-2018 Probation Annual State Aid Plan and Application. A fully approved Plan and Application is required before the NYS Probation Block Grant can be distributed.

OPCA staff has carefully reviewed your submission and I am pleased to advise you that your 2017-2018 Probation Annual Plan and Application has been approved. The plan reflects high quality probation work being accomplished in your jurisdiction.

I very much appreciate the time and effort you and your staff have committed to this process, particularly your responses to the data and planning questions components. The data analysis, questions and responses reflect a process underway that will allow probation departments across the state to lead their localities to better system accountability and improvement, and reduced offender recidivism. I encourage Probation Directors to share their annual plan with their probation supervisors, officers and staff, and I recommend that this analytical document serve as a planning and training tool.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Community Correction Representative 3 Gary Govel at 518-457-4336 or Gary.Govel@DCJS.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert M. MacCarone
Deputy Commissioner and
Director, Probation and Correctional Alternatives