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To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence should serve as a glowing endorsement / recommendation for the "Red Barrel Project." The Red Barrel Project is a very simple concept; Allow the public easy access to dispose of their un-used medications, keeping it off the streets, out of the hands of our youths and out of our water supply.

Our office has had 2 Red Barrel disposal units for approximately 3 years. During this time we have collaborated with Livingston County Community Alliance and the other 8 police jurisdictions in our county. Currently each department, and the State Police Brighton Post has a Red Barrel, so no matter where you live in the county, there is no excuse for not properly disposing of un-used medication(s)

Whenever a policy is changed, or a new program implemented, there always seems to be hiccups, downsides, or unintended consequences. The fact is, that is not the case. This takes very little staff time, the public reception has been phenomenal and the return on investment is immeasurable.

In Livingston County this works very seamlessly. Each department brings the medications from their barrels to us when they need to be emptied. We in turn dispose of them via an EPA approved incinerator. To date we have destroyed over 1,900 pounds of medication just from our county. More than likely these medications would have ended up in the ground water or worse yet, in the bodies of our youth, or on the street. The statistics are very clear that the medicine cabinet of your home is the number one place where drug experimentation begins. Let's make it a little more difficult by banning together and making it very easy for the public to dispose of their un-used meds.

I would like to thank the Livingston County Community Alliance for all of their hard work on this project, and credit the success of this initiative to the group and staff. Should you have any questions or concerns from a law enforcement perspective, please contact me, or any Police Chief in Livingston County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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