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**Dear Criminal Justice Center,**

The Families back to the table community-based organization had a discussion with people of the Madison community about having a criminal justice center. The people loved the fact that the community center will be overseen by someone in their neighborhood that they know and feel they can trust. Also, someone who sees their best interest at heart and really cares about the community.

The people are very excited to have a program that can support them through this tough time but there was also some concern. Some of the concerns were questions about who will be in charge? And are they trustworthy? Which are very good questions because they want to make sure that the person who is in charge is trustworthy and genuinely cares about them. That seems to be a struggle in many communities because people will say they will help but don't follow through with what they said.

This discussion helped the people feel heard and let them know that we are here for them. Although they had some concerns the community is willing to give the new program a chance to help them. If the community accepts this program and is on board, we will be able to provide a place for people who need help getting a job. Especially people who are just getting out of jail and need to get back on their feet. This criminal justice center will be a chance to bring amongst change and help people get a second chance at a better life. Families back to the table want to guarantee the people that we are here for you and will give you the help you need.



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Please feel free to contact me directly at 608-209-5114 or via email at [Lburrell140@gmail.com](mailto:Lburrell140@gmail.com). I look forward to our on-going communication.

**Sincerely,**

**Lisa Burrell**