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JUDGE

May 2, 2018

Re: The Way

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On behalf of the Spencer Circuit Court, I am writing in support of "The Way" as an important resource and alternative for the Court to use in sentencing, as a condition of bond, probation, or as part of Spencer County Community Corrections programming. The Indiana legislative keeps passing laws requiring counties to have more local alternatives to incarceration and "The Way" meets this need.

"The Way" is an organization that conducts itself in the Spencer County community in a professional and compassionate manner. The Court has been impressed with the strict rules and enforcement of those rules that "The Way" uses for its participants and residents as well as the drug testing policy that "The Way" requires of its participants. The residential program at "The Way" has been especially useful to the Court and for the Spencer County Drug Court Program where many of our participants reside for short periods of time. Otherwise, they would have no housing option in our community.

The Court appreciates having a faith-based option for Court services. As an alternative to incarceration that allows its participants to work and support their families, it also is economically beneficial to the county by reducing the costs of incarceration for low risk individuals.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Dartt
Judge, Spencer Circuit Court
Member, Spencer County
Community Corrections Board

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