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Representative Jason Kropf, Chair  
Representative Tom Anderson, Vice Chair  
Representative Kim Wallan, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

Re: HB 2405


Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Wallan, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Public safety is a major area of focus for the Marion County Board of Commissioners. HB 2405 and the amendments will ensure that individuals who are charged with a crime and referred for treatment for Aid and Assist are able to be sent back to the charging jurisdiction or their home jurisdiction.

Marion County supports HB 2405 and would support an amendment to HB 2405 Section 1(6) as follows:

(6) If the court intends to dismiss ~~the charges~~ **all cases/charges of commitment** against a defendant who is committed to and currently located at a state mental hospital or other facility, the court shall order that the defendant be immediately transported back to the **individual's jurisdiction of residence, or if unknown, jurisdiction in which** ~~where~~ the charges were initiated. Alternatively, **the court may order that the defendant be immediately transported to a specific treatment facility if that facility has accepted the individual for continued treatment, whichever is in the best interest of the individual.** ~~and~~ The dismissal shall take effect only upon the defendant's arrival in that jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

  
Colm Willis  
Commissioner

  
Kevin Cameron  
Commissioner

  
Danielle Bethell  
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