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To Whom it May Concern:

Allegan County currently has a countywide safety and security team and building-specific teams that report to the countywide team. I am currently the leader of our courthouse safety and security team and I attend our countywide safety and security meetings on a monthly basis. I would support the idea of the proposed administrative order because I believe that having a building-specific team has facilitated communication, safety planning, and proactive policies to protect our employees and the public who visit our courthouse. In light of my experience with our current structure, I have a few questions and suggestions regarding the application of this policy:

- Under the proposed policy a member of the funding unit should attend the meeting. What if the funding unit does not agree with the recommendations or actions of the committee (assuming that the chief judge is in agreement with the committee)? Also, what if the funding unit assumes that the courthouse committee should report to its countywide committee?
- In terms of the reporting piece of the proposed order, I think a question could be added to the public satisfaction survey to gauge the public perception of safety in the courthouse. With respect to court staff, perhaps a survey could be created to determine whether employees feel safe in their building, and if not, why. Finally, an objective survey for all of the courts regarding camera coverage, access to the building, inmate transport, FERPs and COOPs, etc. could also be created to provide a benchmark for measuring courthouses. Combined, I think these may provide more helpful information to SCAO than a report (depending on its contents). Also, it would be helpful to know what kinds of security other courthouses have to gauge our own security.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to contact me at the number below if you have any questions.

Best,
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