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President James E. Ryan  
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Charlottesville, VA 22904-4224

Dear President Ryan:

This letter acknowledges our receipt of the Community Safety Working Group's report of recommendations for ways the University can partner to strengthen community safety in our region.

We are pleased to support the recommendations outlined in the report. The charge for the Community Safety Working Group asked members "to identify ways to improve community safety, leverage existing resources and services, and recommend activities that have the greatest potential for immediate impact on our local community."

The Community Safety Working Group and President's Council recommends that the following broad recommendations be used to bring to fruition this charge.

1. Create protective community environments.
2. Enhance place-based programming and access to care.
3. Improve coordination and information flow among community members, service providers, schools, and law enforcement.
4. Connect youth to caring adults and activities.

You will note in the attached report that under each of these items, there are a number of recommendations that seek to achieve these goals. To best strategize for implementation of the Community Safety Working Group recommendations, this report includes a tiered list of short-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations that can guide next steps. We want to highlight that we envision the University prioritizing and taking action across all three of these phases, especially the recommendations that are expected to take longer to implement, and with a strategic focus on working in partnership with existing programs.

Thank you in advance for you and your team's thoughtful review of this report. We look forward to hearing next steps.

Yours in partnership,

Harold Folley and Cristine Nardi (on behalf of President's Council members, pg. 2)

Attachment: Community Safety Working Group Recommendations.



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