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Executive Director Thompson:

The American Correctional Association (ACA) would like to thank the National Sheriffs' Association and Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security for the invitation to the Opioid Roundtable Event in Washington, DC on May, 3 2018. We look forward to discussing the opioid epidemic with important stakeholders throughout the area. This is a crucial time for members of different occupations to collectively gather together to discuss the challenges and opportunities we face combating this epidemic.

At the ACA, within the Office of Correctional Health, we strive to create supporting health services for the correctional populations throughout the country. By providing accreditation, technical assistance, certification and training programs, we have created innovative ways to address health issues in correctional facilities.

In regards to the opioid epidemic, we have released a Joint Public Correctional Policy on the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders for Justice Involved Individuals with the American Society of Addiction Medicine. This policy statement emphasizes the importance of all evidence based treatment options for correctional populations.

ACA provides training programs and workshops at two national conferences annually, which includes submissions from ACA's Substance Use Disorders Committee. ACA also provides technical assistance to jurisdictions setting up medication assisted treatment programs. We also provide trainings on substance use disorders and medication assisted treatment for correctional programs, emphasizing the importance of education for both security and treatment professionals to promote the importance of multidisciplinary services teams. In addition to our efforts combating the opioid epidemic, we have released a 2nd edition of our Correctional Behavioral Health National Certification and Training program. The Office of Correctional Health is completing educational materials that will be distributed to correctional facilities

throughout the country for offender education concerning our “Advancing the Cure” Hepatitis C Virus Initiative.

The initiatives outlines are several of our efforts the ACA has implemented to improve correctional health across the nation. We look forward to participating at the open table. To represent ACA at this event, we will be sending:

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Once again, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for extending the invitation to the Opioid Roundtable Event in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James A. Gondles, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James A. Gondles, Jr., CAE
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