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VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

Re: **Close Out Report of \$25,000 Bauer
Grant**

**Interim Report of \$57,000 Bauer
Grant**

Dear Mr. Glaser:

I am writing this report to you per the recent request of Maki Jursinic of the College of DuPage (COD), who indicated a report must be filed as a condition of closing out and refunding unexpended Bauer funds per my June 10, 2015 letter.

As stated in my June 10, 2015 letter only verbal reports and updates were used in the \$25,000 grant. Neither the COD nor Bauer commented upon this reporting methodology. This report will not change the reporting protocol. However, the narrative to follow will provide a concise account of the excellent outcome actually achieved in the \$25,000 grant and in the first phase of the now terminated \$57,000 grant.

The practical goal of both Bauer grants was and still remains to assist the court system in becoming more cohesive amongst its participants as well as to see whether data concerns were present and in need of improvement.

After conducting an initial and thorough review of all aspects of how a felony criminal charge is processed in Cook County, including how bond is set, it became evident that access to data and efforts towards achieving greater cohesion would require buy in from one or more senior elected officials in the court system.

In this regard, several meetings were scheduled and held with Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans. These meetings were attended by Bauer Foundation representatives and myself.

On June 9, 2014, we met with Chief Judge Evans and discussed a proposal indicating various methods of renewing cohesion and looking at data.

On June 16, 2014, I wrote Chief Judge Evans thanking him for his interest and submitting a formal proposal. This is a critical development, as it indicates the first bona fide step in realistically achieving the Bauer Grant goals.

On September 4, 2014, I wrote Kent Lawrence of the Bauer Foundation indicating consent from the Chief Judge and proposing an implementation budget of \$57,000; attached.

On October 23, 2014, upon the request of the Bauer Foundation, I solicited and received from Chief Judge Evans his written consent to work with my office to implement the proposal submitted previously submitted to the Chief Judge; attached.

On November 10, 2014, the COD indicated its willingness to assist the Bauer Foundation regarding the \$57,000 implementation grant; attached.

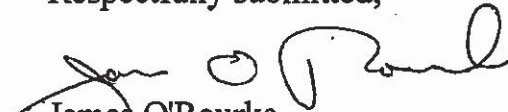
On May 27, 2015, due to progress concerns, I chose to provide a progress report to the COD indicating that a meeting was scheduled with the Chief Judge. This report contained my continued optimism of progress.

On June 12, 2015, I met with Judge Evans wherein I was asked to work with his senior staff on specific aspects of case processing of criminal

felony cases. This request represents another key event in the continuing effort to achieve the stated goals of the Bauer Project.

This work will be on a pro bono basis for the reasons outlined in my June 10, 2015 letter.ⁱ

Respectfully submitted,



James O'Rourke

ⁱ I would like to thank Professor Eric R. Thompson for locating a paid student intern who helped me during the previous academic year.