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Dear Mr. Adler,

As the representative of the Sixth Congressional District of Minnesota, I write in support of the Wright County Drug Court Program. Since 2016, the program has provided intensive monitoring and support for high risk chemically dependent adults to reduce recidivism and rehabilitate offenders to become contributing members of the community.

The minimum 14 month, five-phase program has treated 23 participants, resulting in 3,169 total days of sobriety by participants and, just recently, their first graduation ceremony. The program involves continuous monitoring for drugs and alcohol, and allows several actors in the legal process work together to design a path to effectively treat the underlying causes of criminal behavior. Offenders must remain accountable and honest to remain in the process, but are permitted additional levels of independence as the program progresses. The project also aligns with state strategies to combat substance abuse, which provides for collaboration among corrections, judicial, and medical treatment agencies.

I have been an ardent supporter of the specialized court process, and efforts that rehabilitate and restore our communities rather than incarcerate them. I am proud to support the Wright County Drug Court Program and hope you will support their evidence-based efforts to identify and treat these offenders.

If you require any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress