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American Probation and Parole Association 2022 Winter Training Institute

On behalf of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, welcome to Atlanta, Georgia, for the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) 2022 Winter Training Institute. We're pleased to partner in hosting this event.

Welcome to our great state, probation and parole officials and associated professionals from across the United States and elsewhere. Our state's commitment to public safety aligns with APPA's stated purpose of reducing recidivism to keep communities safe.

The APPA traditionally provides exceptional opportunities for our professionals to learn and build upon their careers. The valuable educational and training workshops at this year's conference, whether attending in-person or online, will certainly benefit you. Continued training is key to improved public safety, which will be the result as we leave the conference and begin applying what we've learned.

I encourage you to engage, collaborate and partner with Georgia's professionals in our field. We believe that you'll find the way we do things in Georgia contributes to public safety while providing opportunities for success for returning citizens. Seek out our dedicated and committed professional staff and engage them in discussions about our successful programs and how we achieve a parole success rate that annually is among the nation's leaders. Georgia has much to offer including information about our clemency decision process and the excellent supervision of felony offenders provided by the Georgia Department of Community Supervision. We look forward to engaging you about your successes and challenges.

We're happy to support and partner with the APPA. We will all benefit from attending the conference. Again, welcome and we hope you enjoy your time in Georgia, if attending in-person.

Terry E. Barnard, Chair

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