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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to give support and approbation for the Hinda video documentary and presentation entitled "Families - the Collateral Damage of Crime". The toll of incarceration and the repercussions on innocent families is a critical issue within the Jewish community as it is within American society at large. As lawyers at decalogue, we have seen first-hand that it is a more widespread issue in our community than initially perceived because these families and their pain are often hidden. This presentation is a first step in combating prejudice and stereotypes about these women.

We are proud to lend support to this endeavor and encourage Jewish organizations to host these presentations to educate their constituents on the pain and collateral damage of incarceration. The Decalogue Society is a long-time supporter of the work of the Hinda Institute. In 2013 Rabbi Scheiman was the recipient of the Hon. Gerald C. Bender Humanitarian Award of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers recognizing his work to improve the criminal justice system and enhance chances for successful re-entry in Illinois.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

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