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The Hinda Institute
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Chicago Rabbinical Council (cRc) is proud to support the important work of The Hinda Institute, joining a wide spectrum of community organizations, religious leaders, elected and appointed officials and supporters. Hinda is a precious resource that supports the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated, and their families that are profoundly impacted. Their work changes lives, decreasing rates of recidivism, and nurtures the healthy trajectories of marriages and growing children.

We salute the supporters of The Hinda Institute, the donors that enable their holy work, and the honorees at this year's "Justice & Compassion" event. In particular, Ms. Aviva Miram Patt of the Jewish lawyers Decalogue society represents Jewish lawyers who individually and collectively strive to be proud and faithful Jewish legal professionals. The Hon. Rachel Freier is a renowned symbol of Orthodox Judaism in our country's system, and it is our community's honor to recognize her for her distinguished service.

The cRc's Beth Din (Rabbinical Court) is committed to the biblical imperative of צֶדֶק צֶדֶק תִּרְדּוּף, *tzedek tzedek tirdof*, a quote emblazoned above the bench of our court. *Tzedek* means justice, but it is also related to the Hebrew word for charity, *Tzedakah*. Our sages teach the importance of *teshuva* and rehabilitation, which we embrace as a rabbinical court, and as a community.

With best wishes for the continuing growth and development of Hinda's good work,

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