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ADDENDUM

to the

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON POST AUDIT AND
OVERSIGHT CONCERNING A VISIT TO THE BRISTOL COUNTY
HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS BY A MEMBER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
STATE SENATE ON MAY 2, 2020**

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December 23, 2020

Mr. Michael D. Hurley, Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Clerk Hurley:

The Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight has submitted to the full Senate the following report:
Report of the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight Concerning A Visit to the Bristol County House of Corrections By a Member of the Massachusetts State Senate on May 2, 2020.

As conveyed, this report is based on an investigation and research by the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight.

The Committee now submits the following: **Addendum to the Report the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight Concerning A Visit to the Bristol County House of Corrections By a Member of the Massachusetts State Senate on May 2, 2020.**

Respectfully filed by the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John F. Keenan".

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On December 18, 2020, the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight filed a report entitled, Report of the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight Concerning a Visit to the Bristol County House of Corrections by a Member of the Massachusetts State Senate on May 2, 2020 (“Report”). In Part IV. THE INVESTIGATION, the Committee noted that it had sent a First Set of Interrogatories to Sheriff Hodgson, and that the Sheriff had declined to respond. In footnote 12, the Committee detailed that the First Set of Interrogatories was sent on June 5, 2020, with a response date of June 15, 2020, and that follow-up letter was sent to the Sheriff asking on June 15, 2020, asking him to advise when a response would be provided.

Not revealed in footnote 12 was that a Second Request to Respond to Interrogatories was sent to Sheriff Hodgson on August 12, with a new deadline of August 21.

In each instance, the Committee requested that a notification from the Sheriff of the mailing of the responses be sent by email to John.Keenan@MASenate.gov. This email notification was requested because the State Senate was working remotely, and such notification would serve to prompt retrieval of any documents forwarded by mail.

As of the date of filing of the Report, the Committee had not received any notification by email of the Sheriff’s filing of responses to the interrogatories.

On December 18, 2020, after the Report was filed, the Committee was advised by Sheriff Hodgson that his office had prepared responses to the interrogatories, which he believed was mailed on or about November 13, 2020. A check in the Senate mailroom indicated the document had been received, however a check of email confirmed that no notice of the mailing of the responses had been provided to the Committee.

The Committee has reviewed the document, entitled, *Thomas M. Hodgson, In His Capacity as Bristol County Sheriff Answers to First Set of Interrogatories*. Upon review of the answers and three attached documents, the Committee finds that the late-filed documents do not change the substance of the Committee’s findings, recommendation, or conclusion.

A copy of *Thomas M. Hodgson, In His Capacity as Bristol County Sheriff Answers to First Set of Interrogatories* is on file at the Senate Clerk’s office for reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator John F. Keenan, Chair

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