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Dear START Program Participant:

On behalf of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, let me welcome you to the START program. You are about to embark on something that could change your life, if you are willing to make the effort. Through the treatment program you will be given the tools to make the changes that are undoubtedly necessary. I hope you will use them.

Whatever has happened in the past that has brought you to this court should tell you that it is time for a change. Every person involved in this program hopes you are successful. If you can work hard at your treatment and your probation, you will be better off and we, as a community will be better off. That is why we have this program and why we want to make sure you have access to the treatment you need. Would it not be satisfying to look back 20 years from now and be able to say that once you completed this program, you never came back to court again?

I am sure that is your hope; be assured it is the hope of myself and everyone involved with this program. Work hard, take it seriously. It will benefit you in the long run.

Good luck.

Very truly yours,

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