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The Honorable Board of Seneca County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

There has been information presented to the media about the condition of the Seneca County Jail and implied problems with the Seneca County Jail. Please allow us to provide the following to help ensure the public confidence and trust in our local jail:

1) As required by R.C. §2939.21, the Seneca County Grand Jurors every 3 months visit the county jail, examine its' condition and inquire into the discipline and treatment of the prisoners, their habits, diet, and accommodations. A report is given to the Common Pleas Court.

2) As of February 7, 2020, the Seneca County Jail is compliant with 100% of essential standards and at least 90% of the important standards. It is meeting the requirements of a "compliant jail."

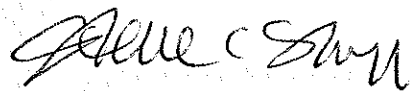
3) The Common Pleas Court and the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court place nearly all the non-ICE prisoners in the Seneca County Jail. Our jail serves as the de-tox facility for those defendants who are addicted to dangerous drugs. We are very pleased to have the jail perform this very important function for the Courts.

If these defendants are not in jail going through withdrawal from addictive drugs, then they would be out in public using or even selling illegal controlled substances.

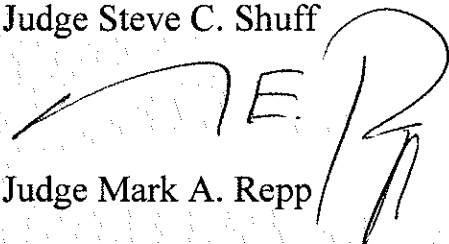
We are thankful to Sheriff William Eckelberry and his staff for the housing of so many high-risk defendants for the Courts.

Sincerely,


Judge Michael P. Kelbley



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