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Donna Stein-Harris
Executive Director
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National Safety Council
1121 Spring Lake Drive
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Dear Ms. Stein-Harris:

Please accept this letter as notification that Emory University intends to participate in the Safe Communities America Program. Emory University has a demonstrated commitment to the safety and wellbeing of its faculty, staff, and students and believes that collaborative approaches are the best way to realize this commitment. The Center for Injury Control also believes that Emory's participation in the Safe Communities America Program will enhance the university's current safety efforts and promote the establishment of more cohesive efforts.

Spearheaded by our Center for Injury Control (CIC) in collaboration with Georgia's Department of Human Resources, we are in the process of cataloguing Emory's numerous efforts and services around safety and developing mechanisms for increased collaboration and communication. Towards this end, we look forward to a potential partnership with the National Safety Council. As part of our preliminary efforts, we have begun engaging departmental and university leadership for support for this partnership. Specifically, to-date we have engaged the Department of Emergency Medicine, Department of Psychology, Student Health, and the President's Office. We plan to engage others involved in student safety. Just as our center has received wide university-level support towards our violence and injury prevention work, we anticipate receiving the same support for a Safe Communities' application.

If you need additional information regarding our intent to apply for designation, please contact Shakiyla Smith, Deputy Director of the Center for Injury Control at 404-616-6576. Shakiyla is assisting with connecting programs and services across University function, as well as submitting our application.

Sincerely,

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