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## **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT**

By being interested in scientific research on the penal system and the academic conclusions presented, the Estonian Prison and Probation service agrees to cooperate with the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences (hereinafter – LCSS) in the implementation of the project "Transformations of Prison Governance in the Baltic States: The Intersections of Soviet Legacy, European Integration, and De-Sovietization".

In the event of project funding, the Estonian Prison and Probation service will contribute to the achievement of the project goals by providing LCSS researchers with the conditions necessary to conduct semi-structured interviews with Estonian prisons employees and will not object to their participation in other project activities.

We believe that this international study, focusing on the development of prison systems and legal regulation in the Baltic States over the past three decades, will provide valuable insights into the essential and systemic aspects of the penal system in the region.

Yours sincerely,

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