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recommendation to fund such a study with forfeiture money. This is the money collected on the sale or seizure of illicit assets, so there is no expense to taxpayers.

Soon the members of the community will have an opportunity to share their insights and concerns about violence – its root causes and its effect on our community. The Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) will launch a study this month to look at this complex issue. The opportunity exists for citizens to become involved in the study and be a part of this group that will ultimately offer recommendations for addressing the issues in our community that may be contributing factors. I hope you will consider getting involved in this process.

I applaud the leaders of our civic and religious organizations, our government and elected officials, and the business community who have all pledged to stand with me to do everything possible to prevent violent crimes from occurring in Jacksonville. I look forward to the findings of the study and to helping implement even more crime-fighting and crime-prevention initiatives when the study's recommendations are made.

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