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### **Sheriff McFadden Supports Dignity for Women Who are Incarcerated Act**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)**-On Tuesday, August 31, 2021, the North Carolina House of Representatives gave final legislative approval to House Bill 608, "Dignity for Women Who Are Incarcerated." HB 608 limits the practice of shackling pregnant women, the use of restraints during labor, and regulates restrictive housing during an incarcerated woman's pregnancy and the postpartum period.

Sheriff McFadden responded to the approval saying, "I have personally witnessed expecting mothers being shackled and have seen the psychological trauma it can cause. It is a dehumanizing treatment. As Sheriff of the largest detention center in North Carolina, I fully support House Bill 608 and encourage Governor Cooper to sign it into law. This type of legislation restores a sense of dignity while female residents are housed in our facility."

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