Speech for Melissa Faith Hart at the North Carolina Press Conference: Thursday, October 17, 2024 – 1:30 PM Guilford County Court House, Jury Assembly Room

Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you all for joining us today. I am deeply honored to be here alongside Dr. LaVonda Fowler, Steve Lingerfelt, and all of you who share our commitment to advancing safety and security across the great state of North Carolina.

Today is a significant milestone for eBodyGuard, as we join forces with the Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board to launch a groundbreaking statewide initiative—the Smart, Safe Cities My eBodyGuard Program. This partnership brings our innovative technology to all 100 counties, creating a new standard for safety and connectivity throughout the state.

At eBodyGuard, our mission is simple yet vital: to help people feel safe, wherever they are. Our technology connects users directly to emergency services, providing real-time support and peace of mind. With features like satellite technology, our service remains active even when cellular networks are down, ensuring a reliable connection when it matters most.

This partnership will also support the CJIN Electronic Global Positioning System (GPS) Monitoring Program, a crucial component of the CJIN Board's mission. Since its inception, there have been zero cases of harm or lethality linked to defendants on the program, demonstrating the powerful role of technology in protecting communities.

But this initiative is about more than just technology—it's about empowering individuals with the tools to safeguard themselves and their loved ones. It's about supporting law enforcement with the digital evidence they need to resolve incidents effectively. Ultimately, it's about creating communities where everyone can live, work, and travel safely, confident that help is always within reach.

I am deeply grateful to Dr. Fowler and the CJIN Board for their vision and support in making this partnership a reality. Together, we are building bridges, fostering trust, and paving the way toward creating Smart, Safe Cities across North Carolina. Thank you to our media partners for being here today and for your continued support in sharing this vital message.

Your role is crucial in reaching communities across the state, and we look forward to working together as we roll out this initiative. We believe this partnership will redefine how safety is managed and experienced, and we are excited to have you along on this journey.