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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Sen. Bert Stedman](#)
Subject: support SB91 DVSA prevention
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Dear Senate Finance Committee Chairs and members:

I am writing to encourage you to please support reinvestment dollars in SB91, the criminal justice reform bill, going toward DVSA prevention programs. Please support keeping DVA prevention dollars at the proposed \$2.5M amount. The latest Alaska Victimization Survey results suggest there is a strong correlation between recent prevention efforts statewide and fewer reported instances of violence. Prevention works! As a public health program evaluator who has spent the last ten years of my career evaluating the impact of DVSA prevention programs, I have seen first hand how effective solid, evidence-based prevention programs such as Coaching Boys Into Men, Alaska Men Choose Respect COMPASS: A Guide For Men, Girls on the Run, Talk Now Talk Often, Lead On! For Youth, just to name a few, can be. These are things we should be doing more of in order to continue to reduce instances of DVSA in Alaska.

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) member programs already direct a sizeable portion of their Federal and State grant support toward prevention projects, but if we are to continue to reduce the horrible burden of DVSA in our communities, we need continued funding. Please include prevention dollars in the reinvestment portion of SB91.

Thank you for your support,

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