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I would first like to say, thank you for your public service. Next I would like to introduce myself. My name is Babette Miller. I have been involved in 24/7 monitoring and ignition interlocks for 8 years. Previous to that I worked for the Alaska state troopers and dmv for 15 years. I chose to enter the IID industry 8 years ago to provide interlocks to all Alaskans. I was born and raised in Alaska and have a vested interest in this state. I am not here temporarily. I am here to stay. The Ignition Interlock is a proven system that separates drinking from driving. It is unfortunate that individuals are trying to state that an in home breathalyzer is capable of being an alternate option for the IID. The Ignition Interlock device prevents the car from being started when alcohol is present. The in home breathalyzer tests an individual not present in a vehicle. Please do not believe that an in home breathalyzer can be an alternative or an option to the one in the car. If a person that is abusing alcohol needs to obtain a license, there should be no option for the Ignition Interlock. If they want a license you need to ensure the public is as safe as can be. Do not let the car start if alcohol is present. I have personally installed, maintained, serviced the Ignition Interlock device. People thank us, People hate us, but ultimately we are the providers that prevent them from drinking and driving. I can only speak for Smart Start. We, being Smart Start, do not have preset tests, we have random tests. We, being Smart Start have anti circumvention features in our unit to assure that a person is blowing and not an air tank. We, being Smart Start send in automated reports to agencies to try to show who is blowing violations (alcohol) into their vehicles. If the court ordered the camera be installed with the ignition interlock you could see who is blowing in the unit. Smart start has had volunteer Clients in Alaska for 8 years. That goes to show it works. Companies have been allowed to enter this state that are banned from other states because they have old technology and units that are not alcohol specific. This has tainted the industry. Alaska has become the dumping ground. Please do not move on to in home breathalyzers until you have refined the Ignition Interlock Industry. There is no teeth in the Ignition Interlock law and no regulations of the Interlock providers. Please see that this is done before we add In home unregulated breathalyzers. Ultimately, it is your decision but please consider the information that I have provided so you can make an educated decision. Ignition Interlocks are installed, alcohol is blown the whole six months of a court order, no ramifications are given, the person gets removed and gets the next DUI. Please pass this program to ASAP and obtain regulations and ramifications before we add more. ASAP is already the agency that verifies treatment is met, have them verify the IID court order is met as well. There is so much more information I can pass on that I cannot put it in this letter. It would be a ten page letter or more. I am a firm believer that the in home breathalyzer should be an enhancement to the one in the car but not a replacement for. Smart start provides in home breathalyzers but knows that preventing drinking from driving starts with the car. If you would like more information you can contact me at (907) 240-8949 or (907) 561-7678.

Thank you for your time and consideration Babette Miller Smart Start of Alaska

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