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Subject: HB 93

Dear Representative Tilton,

I just looked at HB 93 regarding DOC parole/probation officer responsibilities. I am totally in support of this bill and honestly think much of what DOC (or court mandates?) put former inmates through after release that makes it very difficult for them to work, should be completed during incarceration and be almost a condition of release. That eliminates all transportation and scheduling issues, provides maximum cost efficiency and minimizes unoccupied hours for in jail that can't lead to any good results. I am a private employer that has employed numerous former prisoners over the last 8 years and I'm here to tell you that DOC does not willingly do anything to help facilitate keeping parolees employed. I am currently active in the Anchorage Re-entry Coalition, supposedly tasked by the legislature to reduce recidivism and get former criminals back to work. To the best of my knowledge I am the only person out of some 50 members that is not being paid, by the government or a non-profit agency, to be there. My opinions are not popular but I have many hundreds of painful hours trying to deal with DOC to keep my guys working, so I know the status quo is not working. I just wanted to voice my support for this bill and offer any information or assistance that might be of use to you. I am not politically savvy, so if there is anyone else that I should be contacting in this regard, please let me know. Thanks for your time!

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