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Good evening,

My name is Rebecca Barker and I am a lifelong Alaskan, a consistent voter and a masters of social work student intern at the Alaska Department of Corrections. I write in support of SB 91 and HB 205. Of course, SB is currently in the Finance Committee, and I ask that the legislators who preside over its concerns to act decisively to bring this bill through to the floor for a vote.

This bill is already a year old, and the State has been prioritizing recidivism rates since 2007. Now is the time to bring this bill all the way through the legislative process.

These two bills demonstrate a laudable bipartisan effort to increase the efficiency of DOC dollars and help, as DHSS is charged in its mission, to work for the health and well-being of all Alaskans.

I have seen over and over again how parole violations lose inmates their jobs, and then their apartments, and their scant motivation to "take the hard way" and straighten out. Many inmates choose to "flat time" because they know they will be brought back in on a PV anyway.

Thank you for your hard work, your consideration, and prompt action.

Best wishes,

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