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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this to ask that Senate Bill SB 91 is really taken to heart by our community. I am a participant in The Wellness Court Program in Fairbanks AK. This program has really turned my thinking around in regards to the Driving laws and about my Alcohol and Drug abuse history. I see now what I would have seen if I were to have been involved with a program like this when I received my first DUI, as a teenager. I am so grateful that so many people are taking the time to teach me about the bad choices and allow me to search my soul and lifestyle to learn about myself and why I made so many bad choices. There really is an easier softer way, and if we have to push a person a little to make then see the difference I feel it has worked finally for me.

The freedom given to me after an inpatient program was the key to my success in my Recovery. I have over a year clean and sober, and that's because I, with all my heart, have been given the chance to take a look at myself. Being behind bars only made me angry and I never got an answer, just more anger and questions as to why I couldn't get the rules to be a part of my overall thinking and lifestyle. I find it wonderful now.

I do ask that our Driving privilege be a part of our package deal, upon graduation. I know I am willing to pay for a Device to be put on my vehicle that will detour any further bad decisions on my part, and will assist in the behavioral change I should have learned years ago. As it stands now I have a volunteer job with very low possibility of getting gainful employment. If I could drive, my quality of life would become so much better, and I could thrive as a member of the community that has learned a very valuable lesson.

I pray you will Pass Bill SB 91, so that the folks who take our lessons seriously, can move forward in our Recovery in the most positive way. I Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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