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Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

I would like to encourage you to oppose SB 54. I believe it is a mistake to essentially roll back parts of SB 91 that have been shown in other states to reduce crime, reduce recidivism, and save on prison costs.

The reforms of SB 91 are based on recommendations by the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission and should be given a chance to work before rolling them back. After all, the reforms of SB 91 have only been in effect for 8 months and that is not a sufficient amount of time to realize the potential benefits of this legislation. Similar reforms passed in other states have shown to reduce crime, reduce state spending on police, courts, prisons, and emergency community services, and increase the likelihood of rehabilitation for individuals involved in the justice system.

Thank you for your time in considering my request,

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