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To: House State Affairs Committee
Re: Testimony for HB187: Restrict our-of-state Correctional Facilities

Good afternoon Mr Chairman and members of the House State Affairs Committee. My name is Katie Botz and I am a concerned constituent of District 34.

I'd like to start off by thanking each of you for taking up public testimony on such important and vital subject. If I don't call in it's because I am transporting our most precious cargo. Last year was and eye-opener as well as a wake-up call for everyone in Alaska. We do not have the capacity for our inmates, yet we are the most dangerous state in the United States. I must admit, when I heard we were 500 inmates over capacity level, and possibility of sending them to a different state, the following came to mind:

1. The receiving state of our inmates knows that Alaska can't take care of personal crimes and inmates.
2. Not only could our inmates learn a new crime to share to others, but that they won't get the required mental help that they need to become EX-offenders. In order for our inmates to stop commit a crime, they must get to the root of their issues and work through it. There's no other way.

I understand that the state is hurting with money. Although, we are continually hurting with level of crimes in our beautiful state! Therefore, I strongly suggest the following to accommodate the expense:

1. Require by law that ALL inmates pay a portion of being incarcerated after the second offense.
2. Require by law that offenders of ANY crimes go to counseling and pay for it themselves. The state nor tax payers should flip a bill of counseling for an offender.
3. Last year, you may know that I strongly urges Legislators to be victim oriented; this year is no different. If victims of crimes goes to counseling, the offender should pay until the victim no longer needs help. After all, it wasn't the

victims fault, right?

As a beautiful state, we must come together United and Strong with our decisions on how to help our inmates and victims. If we are not united and help our inmates, as well as our victims, then we will just show the receiving state that we are too weak to care for our own inmates and crimes, and that's unexceptional!

Thank you for reading this and please feel free to reach me if have any questions.
Sincerely,
Katie Botz
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