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Thank you for reading my public comment. I am a Alaska Resident who had a sibling juvenile in DOC custody. Several decades later a cycle of insufficient remediation and offender behaviors continue to this day. The way Juvenile detention occurs must be improved to better remediate juvenile offenders weather charged as adults or not.

Its understandable and just that certain crimes committed by juvenile offenders mean they are sentenced as adults, and these crimes come with serious adult sentences. But the adult detention of juveniles is resulting in complete isolation of the juvenile offender and remediation is unaddressed.

Please consider case by case Juvenile Detention on those charged and sentenced as adults. This population of offenders brains are still developing, their overall potential for successful release may be high but there is likely significant cognitive regression when made to endure sentence completely isolated. In DJJ custody the juvenile offender may have better access to education and remediation services with in peer age co-hort.

There may need to be more information on level of care needs and individual assessments after sentencing on which Juviniels. Im not comfortable with Juveniles sentenced to isolation in adult facilities while DJJ may have resources to better meet the needs of the Juvenile Offender remediation needs.

Sincerely,

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