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I am Cindy Yeager, the Program Coordinator for the Mat Su Reentry Program at Valley Charities Inc. I am writing to state I am in support of HB 35 and the efforts shown by Department of Corrections. It is vitally important to connect incarcerated individuals with the trainings, programming that is needed and be able to facilitate this with the use of tablets. This could also unify the programming offered to individuals across multiple facilities can participate together, which could also minimize the number of staff needed on certain trainings/programming. The use of tablets would also benefit the long term incarcerated individuals in training them in computer and technology skills that would be needed when released, especially for employment seeking.

I have meet many individuals at out of state conferences whom work with incarcerated individuals who have been able to utilize tablets while incarcerated and were able to complete programs to seek gainful employment before release, creating a system of more success and reducing recidivism. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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Greetings,

My name is Barbara Mongar. I live in Palmer, Alaska. I am the coordinator for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition. I have been the coordinator for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition for the last five and a half years. Our coalition consists of state agencies (such as the Alaska Department of Labor and the Alaska Departments of Corrections), community substance treatment centers (such as Set Free Alaska and True North Recovery), Mat-Su Health Services, Tribal Agencies, non-profit and privet community service organizations. The close community partnerships we have through our Reentry Coalition has made it easier to provide wrap-around services for the formerly incarcerated individuals that come to us for assistance.

I am writing representing the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition in support of House Bill-35. This bill would help to remove barriers that restricts inmates inside correctional institutions from utilizing certain electronic devices that could give them access to rehabilitative programs, education, vocational training, treatment, and reentry services while they are still incarcerated. This type of early access to services would increase the likelihood for individuals to successfully reintegrate into the community once they are released from incarceration.

Thank you for taking your time to listen to me.

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