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To: House Finance
Subject: HB 119 Comment Concerning Community Reentry Programs

Dear House Finance Committee Co-chairs and Members:

HB 119 Marijuana Tax - This bill reduces the marijuana tax from \$50 to \$12.50 per ounce. The bill then requires a tax system change to a 6% sales tax.

Currently, 25% of the tax revenue goes into the state's general fund, 25% to the Marijuana Education & Treatment (MET) fund, and 50% to the Recidivism Reduction Fund, for reentry case management, addiction treatment in Alaska's prisons and halfway houses, and domestic violence prevention.

If passed, this bill will reduce funds available for these community programs. The Juneau Reentry Coalition asks that you fully fund the community programs that benefit from the Marijuana Tax.

Sincerely yours,

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