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Senate Finance Committee

We ask for your support to not repeal Senate Bill 91 as proposed by Senate Bill 127.

It is too early to determine the effectiveness of SB 91 as it relates to the cause of rising crime as SB 91 works to implement the directives that were the result of all of the hard work that went into creating SB 91. It has been shown that justice reforms in other states have resulted in reduced crime, closed prisons, reduced State costs, and reinvestment of the savings into community services.

The result of repealing SB 91 would have an impact on our people having access to treatment services that obtaining services shows results in our community members being able to lead productive lives.

SB 91 provides an opportunity to keep communities safe by expanding the opportunities for reducing recidivism, enhance public safety and reduce corrections costs. It provides for alternatives to prison for those convicted of nonviolent offenses such as behavioral health treatment, services for cognitive behavioral disorders, and aftercare supports.

SB 91 provides stable, productive and crime free environments in our communities and supports reinvesting savings into programs that helps our people with treatment.

We ask that you not support Senate Bill 127.

Sincerely,

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