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Hello Sen. Kelly

I very much appreciated the invitation to testify before the Senate Finance Committee in my role as the victim services representative on the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission. I am writing today as both a Commissioner and the Executive Director of an agency serving victims of crime.

The Commission was tasked by the legislature with finding savings in hard bed by using alternate means of accountability for those who are committing crimes and the legislature committed to doing reinvestment if those savings could be found. I believe the commission did its job as it was asked and provided recommendations for savings along with recommendations for reinvestment of those savings and also knowing that the first year may require an "investment" in order to begin the process. I appreciated your comment that if this bill did not achieve savings it would be okay, that it was about doing things in a way that worked.

A large part of the work done by the Criminal Justice Commission was focused on how to address criminal justice in a way that made healthier Alaskans from those who broke the law and also how to engage in activities that would ultimately reduce recidivism and create less victims. One way the commission identified is to do prevention with our communities and youth to build resiliency and to create stronger communities. The programs that are being done as prevention programs through CDVSA are evidenced based and as shown in the latest UAA Victimization survey, rates of violence in our communities is reducing. The only new thing in the five years studied was the addition of prevention. We feel this shows that prevention is a key component of reducing victimization within our state.

A link to the Alaska Victimization Survey Powerpoint is here -  
[http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/research/2010/1103.05.avs\\_fy15/1103.051b.statewide\\_powerpoint.pdf](http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/research/2010/1103.05.avs_fy15/1103.051b.statewide_powerpoint.pdf)

It has some great highlights of the results recognized during the prior 5 years.

I understand that due to changes to the bill that the savings available for reinvestment has decreased. We would ask that there continue to be a focus on the issue of prevention and that it be funded as generously as possible as a way to change our communities to reflect the values that many of us Alaskans share.

Please support and urge others to support funding prevention efforts in our state.

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