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Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
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Dear Members of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission:

Today you have heard from legislative leaders about the need for criminal justice reforms that result in substantial savings to the State. I applaud their renewed public commitment to this process, and agree that lawmakers should have policy options this session that meet the prison population goal posts they set forth. I will use these goal posts when developing my budget, and as a reference point for a conversation about the reinvestment component of Justice Reinvestment.

Additionally, I have called on executive agency leaders to join us in prioritizing criminal justice reforms, to lend their expertise and time to the Justice Reinvestment process, and to think beyond each agency's self-interest in order to help the Commission arrive at a comprehensive package of reforms that achieves more public safety at less cost to the State.

My cabinet and I are proud to stand with legislative leaders in support of your work. We thank you for your ongoing efforts, and look forward to your report in December.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor