



JUNEAU REENTRY COALITION

*Promoting Public Safety &
Strengthening Our Community*

April 8, 2019

Representative Zack Fields
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 114
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for House Bill 118: Offender Reentry Planning by Corrections.

Dear Representative Fields:

Thank you for sponsoring House Bill 118. This bill ensures the Alaska Department of Corrections coordinates with local community reentry coalitions or other providers of reentry services when developing written reentry case plans for those returning to communities' post-incarceration. The Juneau Reentry Coalition supports this piece of legislation.

The Juneau Reentry Coalition (JREC) is a collaboration of individuals, community stakeholders, public and not-for-profit agencies, faith-based and business partners who are united and committed to reducing recidivism among ex-offenders returning to our community. JREC's mission is to promote public safety by identifying and implementing strategies that increase a former prisoner's well-being within the community and reduces the likelihood of their return to prison through recidivating.

One of the foundational values of JREC is improved communications and collaboration between the Alaska Department of Corrections and the community. This relationship strategy augments a successful reentry process through inclusive planning and participation for the connecting of reentry support services and treatments to those that are returning to the community post-incarceration.

JREC has a good working relationship with our local correctional facility and field probation office and House Bill 118 strengthens this work through codification.

Sincerely,



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