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To whom it may concern- I am an avid supporter of HB 53. I have a family member employed with the Municipality of Anchorage as a Fire Fighter/EMT. She and her colleagues are required to respond to all 911 calls. Some are actual fire related calls but the majority are health 'emergency' calls. They are required to offer their best care to all. When they show up on a call, the first responders assume the calls are legitimate, however the calls not always are. While trying to provide care, my F/F has been spit on, bitch-slapped, has had her vehicles urinated on- all as 'part of the job'.

First responders put up with enough- they shouldn't have the added burden of having to deal with 'surprise' violent offenders while trying to provide care. Senate Bill 53 will help keep the general public AND first responders safer by keeping dangerous, unpredictable individuals away from the public. This Bill also adds time for behavior correction so the criminals are not released prematurely.

I urge you to pass HB 53 for the benefit of all of our citizens. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted this date, 4/27/23,

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