

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BORKMAN

MY NAME IS PHILIP WILSON, I AM A CONSTITUENT FROM GIRD WOOD.

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR SB 176, TO REFORM THE ALASKA PAROLE BOARD.

I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR THE LAST THIRTY YEARS. DURING MY TIME I HAVE WITNESSED YEARS OF INCONSISTENCIES AND DECISIONS THAT CONFUSE LOGIC, BY THE ALASKA PAROLE BOARD.

I HAVE WITNESSED CANDIDATES WHO; HAVE TURNED THEIR LIVES AROUND, GONE YEARS WITHOUT ANY BEHAVIORAL ISSUES, COMPLETED EVERY REHABILITORY PROGRAM OFFERED, HAD SOLID RELEASE PLANS, WITH STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT AS WELL AS THE FULL SUPPORT OF DOC STAFF, PROBATION OFFICERS, AND ADMINISTRATION BE DENIED, WHILE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD ABYSMAL INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS AND WERE ACTIVE DRUG USERS BE GRANTED PAROLE;

OVER AND OVER. I FEEL THIS IS BOTH FINANCIALLY IRRESPONSIBLE AND SOCIALLY NEGLIGENT. I HAVE WITNESSED FIRST HAND THE NEGATIVE EFFECT THIS HAS HAD UPON THE ALASKA PRISON POPULATION/ ENVIRONMENT

I BELIEVE THE PAROLE BOARD SHOULD BE REFORMED TO PROVIDE A WELL ROUNDED SET OF BACKGROUNDS TO JUDGE IF AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL IS FIT TO LIVE WITHOUT POSING A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY. THE BOARD OF PAROLE SHOULD OPERATE WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN ALASKA. THE CURRENT SYSTEM SIMPLY DOES NOT WORK. I DO NOT ENJOY THE PAROLE BOARD IN THEIR TASK OR RESPONSIBILITY. I DO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN AND NEED TO DO BETTER. ONE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IS WITH SB 176.

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 176 TO MAKE ALASKA'S CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM MORE FAIR AND JUST.

Sincerely

Philip Wilson