



JUNEAU REENTRY COALITION

*Promoting Success After Incarceration
To Reduce Recidivism and Increase Public Safety*

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Senator Robert Myers
Alaska State Capitol Room 417
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support of Senate Bill 230.

Dear Senator Myers:

Increased access to digital technologies for incarcerated Alaskans leads to more opportunities for rehabilitation, improved pre-release self-help, and advancement opportunities. Such access would allow the Alaska Department of Corrections (DOC) to expand treatment and recovery support, vocational training, general and advanced education, reentry planning, faith-based and tribal activities, prosocial community connections, and other recidivism-reducing programs and activities.

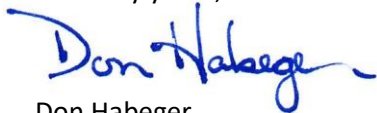
In addition, increased secure digital access means support and education can continue, irrespective of DOC and service provider staffing challenges. Using digital devices, such as tablets, means a few can simultaneously deliver essential programming to many in DOC facilities. This leads to cost savings and improved reentry outcomes as more inmates take advantage of community support and educational opportunities while in state custody.

Digital technology is used nationwide in prisons, using safe and secure equipment and practices designed to prevent breaches and unauthorized access.

Juneau Reentry Coalition's mission is to promote public safety within the community by identifying and implementing strategies that increase the success of justice-involved individuals and reduce the likelihood of recidivism. Increasing access to digital technology so more justice-involved Alaskans can participate in rehabilitation and reentry support does precisely that.

Therefore, the Juneau Reentry Coalition supports the passage of House Bill 330 this session.

Sincerely yours,



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