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Testimony in Support of SB 868 Correctional Services - Inmate Release

Chair Smith & Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony in favor of SB 868 – Correctional Services – Inmate Release.

As we continue to rehabilitate individuals and prepare them for re-entry, it is critical that we are setting them up to succeed as they reenter society to maximize their chances of success of being productive and contributing members to society.

The intent of this bill is to assist individuals in the reentry process by facilitating their release from our state correctional facilities through the local correctional facilities so that they will be connected with local reentry services, parole/probation, job placement, and other wrap around services to ensure their success. The State Dept. of Corrections will work in tandem with the respective local correctional facility to determine the best timeline for the individual to be relocated to their local facility. The State Dept. of Corrections will use the address the Department has on file when an individual entered the correctional facility, Census data, voter registration data, and, if necessary, Motor Vehicle Administration data to determine the individual's local facility

Without the proper support system in place, a disservice is being done to both the individuals being released from our state correctional facilities and the communities who simply do not have the proper support systems in place to support and assist individuals through a successful reentry process.

Thank you for your consideration as I respectfully ask and urge for a **favorable report on SB 868**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul D. Corderman'.

Paul D. Corderman, District 2 – Washington County