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MEMORANDUM

To: Rodger Heaton, Chairman
Illinois Governor Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing and Jail Reform

From: Christine Perkins

Re: Further Public Comments

Date: Friday, November 20, 2015

Recommendations

Removing Barriers:

Research the backgrounds of those that commit heinous crimes. Knowing the cause will help identify the early tendencies to commit crimes.

Automatic Expungement 3 years, 3 year trial, if unsuccessful in reducing crime 5 years. This would open increased doors to employment and housing.

Licensing barriers removed ASAP. In addition, License generates income.

Remove housing barriers. (Discrimination in Public Housing)

Transitional Living expanded to assist clients into getting focused on living outside of incarceration.

Home confinement should be highly considered to reduce cost of incarceration.

Proof of enrollment in school or work reduces probation.

Anger Management and Coping with Grief before returning to society, mandatory.

Child Support debtors should be remanded to Illinois Works Employment. You cannot pay Child Support in jail and jail isn't free.

Suspension of Drivers License hinders employment.

Acquire Social Security Cards (Free) before leaving Correctional Facilities.

Correctional Facilities must become more productive. The more you do the more you learn.

Illiteracy + Hopelessness + Joblessness + Alcohol and Drugs + Weapons = Violence