

Dear Committee,

I would like to offer some additional information in support of the CREW program (Construction Related Employment for Women) at Coffee Creek Correctional facility, which is seeking funding through the DOC.

I wanted to share the TRAC program with you - TRAC is a similar program which operates at the Washington Correction Center for Women.

TRAC has been there for about 10 years. Statistics have not been tracked for the life of the program but the new instructor provided this info:

In the 2 years she has been working with this program:

- 34 graduates in five 16 week sessions
- 29 have been released to the community
- 7 are actively employed and working in either the laborers, carpenters, or iron workers unions
- 3 have made their union applications and are in the hiring and dispatch process
- 0% percent recidivism

Here is a link to their website and a great video!

<http://www.washingtonci.com/about-ci/offender-re-entry/trac-program.html>

I'm sending it to you to provide some valuable insight into the importance of funding programs like CREW.

Thank you again,

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