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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:32 AM  
**To:** Ross Cheyenne  
**Subject:** Written Testimony in Support for Bill 939

Dear Cheyenne Ross,

I am submitting written testimony in support for bill 939. I was recently released from Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and was fortunate to receive assistance from the Family Resource Center, a program and service where I was able to stay in contact with my children and the courts. The Family Resource Center was for inmates/mothers that could not participate in the Family Preservation Project, yet they still offered a way to help in re-establishing and maintaining a relationship with my children and their caregivers. I began the process of Modifying a Judgment for Custody and Parenting Time while I was incarcerated and since I didn't have a DHS case, I had no legal representation. The Family Preservation Project facilitated phone calls to the court so I could stay up to date with what was going on with my court case. I believe having these services available to incarcerated parents is vital in rebuilding and establishing a healthy foundation to work form.

Having programs like the Family Preservation Project kept me moving forward in life. The children's best interest are at the heart of this bill 939 and I believe working from this perspective will help repair lives that have been broken.

Thank you for you time,

Christina Jenks