



TESTIMONY ON HB 3078
BEFORE THE JOINT WAYS & MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY



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Co-Chair Winters, Co-Chair Stark and member of the Committee,

HB 3078 is a rare opportunity to save costs and improve our criminal justice system. We are on the razor's edge of needing to build a new woman's prison; HB 3078A brings a targeted approach to address this overpopulation.

Most women's convictions are low-level addiction driven crimes. HB 3078 will invest in local treatment, rehabilitation, and victims services. Unless the addictions that are driving these crimes are treated, offenders will continue to re-offend.

The Safety and Savings Act (HB 3078) holds people accountable for harm while keeping more families together, investing in addiction treatment, and supporting survivors' healing. More moderate sentencing laws save resources, which can be invested into local communities where intensive supervision and services can interrupt addiction cycles that include crime.

We urge you to support HB 3078A.

Thanks you.

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