

Thank you Judiciary Committee for this opportunity to speak. My name is Ms. Parker, I'm the mother of an inmate. He's been incarcerated for 16 years. He was a teenager when he was approached by law enforcement without the presence of an attorney, parent or legal guardian. I strongly support the HB 6581 and SB 1062 both Juvenile Bills will help and solve these major issues, such as lost paperwork and mental state or these juveniles when they are questioned.

My son is trying to use his time, productively and wisely. He was attending the Wesleyan program that came to a complete halt when they transferred him. If inmates can't complete a program, they shouldn't be accepted. It's not good for their self-esteem. I cannot speak about all inmates, but I have met some of these released inmates and they're doing well and working hard in community.

I do hope and support the juvenile modification bills are passed.

Thank you,

Ms. Parker