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SB 878: An Act Requiring Community Notification of
New Residential Facilities for Offenders

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Senator Osten, Representative Miller, honorable members of the Aging Committee,

We are in support of SB 878, An Act Requiring Community Notification of New Residential Facilities for Offenders.

As this act proposes that the Commissioner of Correction provide notification to the leader of a municipality at least thirty days before the establishment of a living space for inmates recently released from the Department of Correction. We feel that a public hearing is in order to inform the community. It also offers an opportunity for members of the community to discuss and learn about the specifics of such a residence before it is created. Many citizens may not feel comfortable living close to recently released offenders, so we feel it is our duty to provide them with a means to feel comfortable in their own community.

Therefore, providing notice to such communities wherein a residential program may be established is important for residents.

Again, we urge your support on this bill and we thank you for your time and consideration to this important matter.