

## “Asks” for the Action

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1. As you heard in our research report, we believe there are certain steps the Department of Corrections could take to better implement policies that are already in place. To improve the release procedure, from your respective role in the process, will you commit to ensuring that the DOC:

- Uniformly utilize the Re-Entry Checklist with all offenders prior to release, including the participation of their families and other support persons?
- Provide effective case management prior to and after release that supplies information about housing and job supports, including an electronic database that can be accessed by offenders and their families?
- Work with the Department of Motor Vehicles or other appropriate agencies to devise photo identification that does not contain the label “Department of Corrections”?

2. We have also seen the value in certain programs that are now offered on a limited scale to a small number of inmates either because of their offense or the location of their incarceration. We believe these programs, if offered on a more widespread and consistent basis, would both benefit individual offenders and promote public safety. Therefore, from your respective role in the system, will you commit to:

- Work with organizations outside the Department of Corrections to provide more opportunities for mentoring and job skills programs for all inmates in all of the state’s incarceration facilities?
- Make Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSAs) available to more offenders as they are being released?

3. One of our goals here today is to build an ongoing relationship with you as you continue your role in the corrections system. Do you agree to meet with a group from VIA in six months so that we may check on the progress of the commitments we’ve asked for?