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To: Honorable Members of the House Corrections and Institutions Committee

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RE: Victim Notification

The Center for Crime Victim Services respectfully proposes the following to improve notification to victims in the State of Vermont.

1) Amend 28 VSA §818: Earned Time; Reduction of Term

(4) The Department shall:

(A) ensure that all victims of record are notified of the earned time program at its outset and made aware of the option to receive notifications from the Department pursuant to this subdivision;

(B) provide timely notice not less frequently than every 90 days to the offender any time the offender receives a reduction in his or her term of supervision pursuant to this section;

(C) maintain a system that documents and records all such reductions in each offender's permanent record; and

(D) record any reduction in an offender's term of supervision pursuant to this section on a monthly basis and ensure that victims who want information regarding changes in ~~scheduled~~ an offender's minimum release date have access to such information and are provided with timely notice not less frequently than every 90 days.

2) Mandate reports to Joint Justice Legislative Oversight and House Corrections and Institutions during the off-session by the working group established under Act 159: An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the corrections laws.

