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Chairman Clippinger
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Members of the House Judiciary Committee

HB 828- Pre-Release Equity Act
Position: SUPPORT

My name is Kimberly Haven and I am in support of HB 828.

As one of the leading criminal justice advocates in our State, I urge this committee to support this legislation.

HB 828 requires the state to provide and maintain a separate prerelease facility in or near the zip codes as identified by where individuals will return to. This will provide a means for someone who is returning home to be engaged in their community. As a result, they will be able to find a job that they will be able to maintain once they are released. It provides a way for them to access the health resources that they will need in the community where they reside. Additionally, it helps foster the family reunification process which will strengthen the family as a whole. Finally, it will encourage community engagement of the individual which will strengthen the community because they will be stakeholders in their own community.

This legislation is good policy and therefore I urge a favorable report on HB 828.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Haven