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Chairman Clippinger  
Vice Chair Atterbeary  
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

HB 801 – Gender Responsive Pre-Release  
**Position: SUPPORT**

My name is Kimberly Haven and I am in support of HB 801.

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

This legislation is an important step in assisting women return to our communities from incarceration. Currently there exists no comprehensive release planning – a plan that is critical to successful re-entry. This legislation requires the State to provide the skills training that will enable them to get gainful employment by putting in place opportunities such as industry certification programs, workforce training, and the necessary vocational skills to compete in the workplace.

Another integral component to the successful reentry included in this legislation is parenting classes and a commitment to working towards family reunification.

Finally, should the legislation be passed, it will be a major change to the way that our state and corrections officials have managed the transition and reentry needs of its women's population.

I urge a favorable report on HB 801.

Respectfully,  
Kimberly Haven