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Chairman Oelslager, Vice Chair Manning and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Arthur B. Hill III - Beau, a 4th generation Salvationist and employee of The Salvation Army for more than 20 years. As Executive Director of The Salvation Army Harbor Light Complex in Cleveland Ohio, I manage a host of programming including an emergency shelter for homeless families, transitional housing for homeless men, a residential sub-acute detox center and halfway house for those involved in the criminal justice system.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my concerns. Today write in support of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction budget, specifically the Treatment Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP).

In a previous role I would have been afforded the opportunity to follow very closely the testimony presented by the interested parties in relation to TCAP. At this point I make no claim to know what has been said.

In the programs we administer as The Salvation Army most of our clients struggle with substance abuse, homelessness, mental health and cognitive challenges. Our charge is to address those issues so that the individual can overcome those challenges and lead productive lives.

Through my tenure at The Salvation Army it has become evident that that an individual's willingness to change is paramount. We also know that providing the right intervention at the right time increases the likelihood of the client being responsive and improves results. This is the core principle being addressed with TCAP. I am sure that research was cited in other testimony to support this statement with regards to criminal justice programs.

Often times when we talk about budget, research and programs what is overlooked is the person that is impacted.

TCAP works towards providing the correct intervention at the proper time thereby increasing the likelihood of services having the most impact on people. Providing these interventions in this manner not only will have the positive benefit in that specific individual's life but the compounding impact on their family.

Should these individuals' challenges not be addressed, not only will we continue to see them in the criminal justice system, but I will see them many times over in our other areas of service.

I support what DRC is trying to do with the TCAP program, urge you to do the same and would be happy to address any questions you may have. I can be reached at 216-619-4676 or via email at beau.hill@use.salvationarmy.org