

**JJRBG Meeting March 30, 2022**  
**Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail**  
**Agenda Item III b.**

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I am a HART Life Coach for the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

Though I have never spent time in a juvenile facility, I am someone who was formal incarcerated. I am reaching out in concern to agenda items 3A, 3B, & 3D.

As someone who provides a service to incarcerated adult individuals, I believe that there is a serious need for support to our youth offenders no matter the crime they committed. Youth offenders deserve the right to be in an institution that will allow for them to be provided the necessary tools of true rehabilitation. By simply housing youth with no form of assistance, for example Life Skills, 12 Step Programs, Domestic Violence, and Therapy, a future of rehabilitation and transformation is being excluded. These youth deserve a chance to find positive outlets. If youth institutions implemented positive programs with staff that were relatable this could change the environment and the individuals for a hope of a positive future.