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Dear Representative:

I am writing you on behalf of the Oklahoma Conference of Churches IMPACT Committee. Our purpose is to analyze pending legislation theologically and attempt to discern God's will. We have adopted theological statements in 5 different areas to guide our contemplation. These statements have also been affirmed by the leaders of the member faith communions.

My particular area is Criminal Justice and Corrections. A copy of the statement is attached. In light of that statement and after responsible deliberation we are writing to ask your support for 2 bills.

We are writing you to ask for your support of S.B. 805. We understand the essence of that bill to widen job possibilities for former prisoners convicted of violent offenses. In our statement we mention the need to restore offenders. Employment opportunities are often very limited for them. This bill seems to protect society by limiting employment to unarmed positions, while at the same time making available some opportunities. We urge your support of the bill

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Shalom,

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