Lack of Parity Puts State at Risk

Location of DWCRC significantly limits women residents’ access to:

- Physical and behavioral healthcare (residents have a constitutional right to adequate healthcare*)
- Opiate treatment programs (women have the highest rate of substance use disorder and opiate use disorder)
- Equal educational opportunities and vocational training


Comparison of Training Programs

**NEW ENGLAND**
- No community access to medical or dental services
- Level 2.1 Chemical Dependency Programming
- Programs:
  - Parenting Class
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Domestic Violence
- Industries and Trade Programs:
  - Sewing
- 12 Education Offerings:
  - DOCR assists with 5 that are mandatory interventions: Read Right, GED
- Variable resident-led groups

**BISMARCK**
- Local emergency medical services for high-risk pregnancies and other serious medical conditions
- Medication Assisted Treatment providers
- Dental Services
- Level 2.1 and 3.5 chemical dependency programming
- Programs:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Thinking for Change
  - Children of Incarcerated Parents: support groups for children and loved ones
  - Parenting Inside Out: Visitation room enhancements and community support structures
- Industries and Trade Programs:
  - Sewing
  - Carpentry
  - Welding
  - Commissary
  - Building Trades
- 40 different educational and enrichment classes and programming
- Charitable Giving and Garden Partnerships with U of Mary, BSC, Ministry on the Margins, Team Kaizen, and Mindfulness programs
- Volunteer programs of Toastmasters, choir, art enrichment programs
- Regularly supervised resident-led groups
Creating Better Outcomes and Safer Communities

Justice Reinvestment

Family Matters

It’s Time to Break the Intergenerational Cycle of Incarceration.

- Research shows preserving a child’s relationship with a parent during incarceration benefits both parties*
- 80% of ND incarcerated women have children under age 18
- Access to family visits at DWCRC is difficult
- Separating children from their mothers causes significant distress
- Children particularly susceptible to the domino effect of burdens placed on incarcerated women

Why Relocation?

Right for Residents – Better for Taxpayers

90% of women residents in ND are from central and eastern ND.

Recommendation:

Relocate women’s prison services from New England to the Missouri River Correctional Center.

1/3 of these Women are from Morton and Burleigh Counties