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To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

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Agency: DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY DPS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Alcohol-impaired driving crashes in the United States account for 31 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities. Drivers with previous convictions for driving while impaired are at increased risk of being involved in alcohol-impaired crashes. One way to prevent drivers who have been convicted of DWI from driving after drinking is to use ignition interlocks, breath-test devices connected to vehicle ignitions. For these devices to be important and effective State's devised eight program keys organized by three program aspects:

(1) Program design (2) Program Design (3) Program Support. Our statutes require ignition interlock in pre trial bond conditions, in post adjudication cases. Therefore, accuracy and program requirements are essential to the effectiveness of these devices and required by our courts who impose these devices. Data plays an important role in that accurate, timely, coordinated, and accessible records are critical for an effective interlock program. Complete and coordinated record systems help determine which offenders are required or eligible to install an interlock, help monitor offenders and report violations, and can be used to evaluate program effectiveness and suggest improvements. Therefore, regulations are recommended in continuing to be in place for interlock device vendors which is critical and beneficial to public safety for this population.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I can only recommend that all efforts be in place and that the agency be provided all resources to continue to monitor regulations for these ignition interlock vendors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree