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treating probationers and parolees. They're subsidizing their treatment. They're providing the evaluations. They're doing the residential care. They're doing the after care. They want to be a part of community corrections, community treatment. I think it's, again, very logical. I think if we proceed the way the bill is written now, and have this region system left behind, we're going to blow an opportunity, we're going to miss an opportunity to really have a...craft legislation that speaks to, yes, probation and parole, their needs, they need...believe me, I did it for 12 years, they have needs. But so do these offenders. They have treatment needs. And we need to address them. My scare...what I'm afraid of, members, is that probation and parole, this money will get involved in their bureaucracies, and it will be consumed by probation and parole and will not be earmarked for treatment, for the rehabilitation of these offenders. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I too also rise in support of Senator Synowiecki's amendment. One of the things that has really concerned me is, I've served on the regional board in Region 4 in Norfolk. We're...and we're always...we're doing a lot. We could always do more. But we do have local control there. The thing that really concerns me, that if this is not working and having local control, how in the world is it ever going to work when you have one institution of community-based program? That really does concern me. To me, local control regions have a far better reputation of getting things done for their people in the local area than it will ever happen in one institution or one controlled area for these people. So I am in total support of this amendment. And I would support this. And I would give the balance of my time to Senator Synowiecki.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Synowiecki, you have three minutes and 50 seconds.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Stuthman worked with these regions. He was