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8 URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR
9 CELLULAR PHONE SIGNAL BLOCKING IN PRISONS.

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11 WHEREAS, in 2019, legislation was introduced in the
12 United States House of Representatives that would allow a
13 state or federal correctional facility to operate a "jamming"
14 system to interfere with cell phone signals within inmate
15 housing facilities; to date, this legislation has failed to be
16 enacted by Congress; and

17 WHEREAS, the use of contraband cellular devices in
18 correctional facilities creates opportunity for trafficking of
19 other contraband items into the facilities, enables the
20 coordination and conduction of criminal conspiracies from
21 within the facilities, and jeopardizes the security and safety
22 of those within the facilities; and

23 WHEREAS, the use of signal blocking or "jamming"
24 devices is an effective preventative measure that helps
25 correctional officers combat the illegal use of contraband
26 cellular devices in prison, and is less invasive, more
27 thorough, and more cost-effective than alternative methods

1 such as searching and confiscating contraband cellular
2 devices; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body hereby urges the
5 United States Congress to enact legislation providing for the
6 use of cellular phone signal blocking technology by prison
7 facilities.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
9 memorandum be delivered to each member of the Alabama
10 Congressional Delegation so that the strong sentiments of this
11 body on this important issue shall be known.