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Criminal justice & public safety committee,

My name is CALISTA CROSS. I have lived in Cornish Maine for 80 years. My testimony is for all prisoners, but today is for my nephew, Tracy Meggison, who has been in prison for 34 years. He was arrested at the age of 19 & now is 53 for a crime he did not commit.

Both his parents, now deceased, & I have worked with lawyers, reps, all governors over the years trying to prove his innocence. You have to be very rich to get anything done.

Tracy has shown he is not a threat to society & has been working with hostice & helped dying prisoners. He has worked with dog training program for many years. He is taking college classes & when he is released from prison, would like to help those on drugs to get a better life.

His job at MSP is helping to dicipline prisoners who need help when making mistakes.

We hear about being a victim, but well we are all victims no matter what side you're on. Tracy's family & mine have cried many tears over the last 34 years & we will not stop until he comes home.

MAINE needs to make a change to bring back parole & give second chances to those who earned it. Tracy Meggison is one who works hard, follows rules & he wants to take care of himself outside of prison. Only you can help give TRACY this chance.

Tracy deserves a second chance for he cannot do any better if he stays in prison for another eight years as he has found his way. Thanks to the Warden & all those involved for taking good care of our children & for making prison life much better then before & helping prisoners to get ready for the outside.

Please bring parole back to give, TRACY MEGGISON, a second chance in life & many others like him.

Thank you Calista