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Hello.

I would like to see parole brought back in Maine. I think that we should offer a second chance for incarcerated peoples in Maine because of all of the positive effects of parole.

More importantly, the incredible work being done, especially in MSP, is centered around growth and healing. It is widely studied and understood that from the perspective of a person who has experienced harm, the most effective healing is seeing the person who committed the harm grow, reflect and change. In something like the Earned Living Unit in MSP- a logical next step would be parole. That would allow for people who have done real work to be rewarded and continue to make change in the world.

I push for parole to be included in the criminal justice system in Maine.

Thank you for your consideration.