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LD 178

I am writing to express my support for LD178, An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community. I strongly believe that reestablishing parole here in Maine will bring positive effects on public safety, racial justice, taxpayer relief, and second chances for individuals and communities.

I'm a licensed social worker, substance use counselor, and have held roles in state government and within the private sector that is pertinent pertaining to this topic. I'm also in the minority class in Maine, being 50 percent Hispanic coming from a parent who was a first generation American. Additionally, I am a person in long-term recovery and formerly incarcerated. I recently received a Governor's Pardon in Pennsylvania, which will seal my felony 1 conviction and provide me with the opportunity to expunge my record. I know firsthand the struggles of reentering into the community after incarceration, and I have seen the positive impact of second chances on individuals and their families. I highlight this with you to share my personal and professional experiences that give me credibility on this subject.

I am kindly asking you to consider the benefits of reestablishing parole in Maine and support LD178. This act can create a path to successful reentry and reduce recidivism rates. It can also help individuals reintegrate into society, gain employment, and contribute positively to their communities. Additionally, taxpayers will benefit from reduced costs associated with incarceration.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter. I strongly believe that supporting LD178 is an opportunity to help people and communities, and I hope you will consider my request to support this legislation.

Thank you for your continued dedication to public service.

Sincerely,
Joshua Miller