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As a philosopher, I think, teach, and write about justice and forgiveness. Historically, philosophers who have tried to think carefully about how justice in a society should function argue that people can change, and that community support for positive change is crucial. Parole is a crucial part of making that possibility for change real. From a human psychological standpoint, it makes sense that the possibility of earlier reentry into one's community would motivate the kind of change that can heal an individual and their community. As a human being, I can't imagine knowing that proving my remorse for something I regretted would have no effect on my life. Reinstating parole would help achieve more justice in our justice system. I support this Act for Reentry and Reintegration wholeheartedly.