

My name is Raymond Junkins MDOC# 2063 and I support parole. I have been incarcerated here at the Maine State Prison for 25 years now. I am remorseful for the crime that I committed in the past and regret the impact that it had on the victim's family, Society and my own community and family. My journey of atonement and growth began within the first five-years of my sentence. My life before my crime, including my childhood was not great, nor even normal. I believe that mental health treatment; Programming; education; job skills; and an internal desire to change are all tools for change that can lead to rehabilitation and pro-social behavior. The cost of incarceration for an extended sentence is a burden on our economy and tax payers. The country is progressively shifting towards criminal justice reform. Maine needs to reinstate parole this legislative session. Thank you.

Respectfully  
Raymond Junkins  
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