Amber Morin Windham LD 178

To: Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Re: Testimony on behalf of LD 178

March 13th, 2023

My name is Amber Morin and I am currently incarcerated in Windham Maine. I am writing this letter as a personal testimony in favor of LD 178. I am fortunate that I am only serving a four-year sentence and will be released in 2025. Not all incarcerated people have a release date to look forward to.

When I first became incarcerated, I was completely broken and lost. I lacked self-esteem and self-worth. Throughout my experience, I have done tremendous amounts of work to fix the flaws within myself. I am proud to say that I now feel worthy and deserve better for myself. I have met a lot of amazing people since being incarcerated. There have been many residents that acted as mentors and role models for me. I hope that LD 178 will be passed and will let these individuals demonstrate their rehabilitation before a parole board.

I look forward to seeing what Maine can do to transform the reentry community in the future. Please support LD 178.

Respectfully written,

Amber Morin