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LD 178

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salsbury, and members of the criminal Justice and Safety Committee,

My name is Jonathan Michaelson I am a resident of Bath Maine.
I am writing to show my support for LD 178 and to bring parole to Maine.

I support parole in Maine because I believe that anyone that puts in the effort to make personal changes to better themselves deserves an opportunity to live that change. I believe that we all need hope for a better world and we cannot forget that incarcerated individuals are part of that world and they need hope as well. Taking the steps to go to substance abuse programs, going to classes to learn job-related skills, and the journey of self-reflection to realize that real personal change must happen should not go unnoticed.

Let us show compassion, and understanding and bring hope to those that chose the path of rehabilitation and bring parole to Maine.