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LD 178

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

My name is Chriss Sutherland and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth. I am a public school teacher and a father of three children.

I am writing to you today to show my absolute support for LD 178 and the effort to re-establish parole in Maine.

I support this bill for three reasons: 1) I firmly believe in a carceral system that prioritizes rehabilitation over incarceration, we need to invest in a system that works to return people to regular society, when appropriate, rather than lock them away, 2) a robust and well funded system of parole would help supervise released individuals as they transition back to regular society, finally 3) it would be more economic for the state as it is nine times more expensive to incarcerate someone than supervise them on parole.

Thank you for your work and for considering my opinion. I hope I can count on your support for LD 178.

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