Matthew Bosica South Thomaston LD 178

My name is Matthew Bosica and I am a resident of Kingsbridge, England however I grew up in Rockland, Maine and still vote in the state of Maine as I keep a residence at 163 Ledge Rd, South Thomaston where my mother Alvera Bosica lives. I am writing to you today to show my absolute support for LD 178 and the effort to re-establish parole in Maine. Maine must be compassionate to those who have served their time and who would benefit by becoming productive members of society again. The benefit is not just for those people who would be released but for the greater community of Maine. It is fair to say that Maine's current system which doesn't allow parole is neither compassionate nor an exemplar of a progressive society. Yet, Maine in many ways is progressive which is why this bill must become law. Maine must be a model to both the country and the world in how it treats its incarcerated citizens by giving, under the right conditions, the chance for parole. How unfortunate that one mistake, no matter how grave, could inspire the hopelessness, that second chances aren't possible. Thank you for your work and for considering my opinion. I hope I can count on your support for LD 178. Yours Sincerely, Matthew Bosica