Krystal Williams Cumberland LD 178

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

My name is Krystal Williams and I am a resident of Cumberland County. I am also an attorney. In my work, I seek to address and, over time, reduce, the impact of systemic racism in the legal profession.

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 because LD 178 offers a reasonable path forward for incarcerated individuals to reintegrate into their communities after successfully demonstrating their desire and ability to rehabilitate the mindset and behaviors that initially led to their incarceration. The bill offers safeguards and provides oversight to protect the public interest while also allowing incarcerated individuals to earn back their right to contribute positively to their families and communities.

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