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Certainly parole is not unique to Maine. It exists in the majority of states in America. However it is understandable why it may be a sensitive topic for some.

A convicted murderer who commits a crime for the first time in his or her life can truly have remorse, shame and guilt for their crime. The loss of the victims family NEVER goes away so they don't want to forget but holding one's self hostage to that moment in time doesn't allow for healing.

Some facts about parole are it will save Maine taxpayers millions of dollars over a short period of time (current cost to warehouse/incarcerate is over 75k per prisoner per year). Taxpayers of Maine are being overburdened when public safety can be improved with the implementation of a structured parole reentry plan. A felons housing change doesn't take away the accountability that currently exists within the probation/parole of the DOC. They are doing it already with parolees from other states here in Maine.

Why not remove the burden not only from citizens and taxpayers here in Maine but also the burden of true healing from the victims families?

No matter how much dollars and "sense" it logically makes to bring back parole, real human feelings play a role in the process. I implore you to give the restorative justice process a chance to prove that parole and public safety can work hand in hand like 70% of the country is currently doing.

Today you can choose to forgive NOT because of an apology or because of acknowledgment of pain you have suffered but because your soul deserves peace.