

Kevin Robinson  
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LD 178

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

My name is Kevin J Robinson and I am writing in support of LD 178.

I would like to address parole and the possibility of it being granted to me. Parole is a privilege, not something that is granted to me on frivolous merits or personal achievements. Since I have been incarcerated, I have learned to manage my way of thinking from negative thinking to a positive way of thinking, with the guidance of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I walk down this path of righteousness, I work to inspire others by showing and living a positive example to inspire them to want to live a positive life as well, in other words I lead by example.

For the past five and a half years I have devoted myself to staying out of trouble with no disciplinary write-ups. I am a mentor and peer coach at Maine State Prison for the "Awakening Wellness" program. I am also a Nutritionist giving my fellow residents a healthier way to eat, as well as a Personal Trainer leading cardiovascular exercise classes. Since 2022, I have held a position as the Lead of Vegetarian Liaison in MSP's Kitchen. I also am the Head Cook for the Rastafarian religious meals and have been working in the kitchen since 2018.

Since 2018, I have begun and completed various programs. (see below). On October 29th, 2018, I began a Bible study through the Global University School for Evangelism and Discipleship to receive my certificate to become an ordained Minister. In April 2019, I began the high school equivalency test (HiSET) and I will be completing the program and graduating in Fall of 2023.

If granted parole, I'm looking to get into drug counseling to take responsibility for trafficking narcotics, to help those who have substance use disorder. I will start my Health Food Business promoting vegetarian, pescatarian, and vegan meal options and continuing my Personal Fitness training to offer my community more options for healthier lifestyle. Lastly, I'm seeking to invest in a low-income apartment building to provide affordable housing to those struggling with poverty.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this testimony. May God bless you and your loved ones.

How I help others at MSP:

Mentor for MSP awakening, Awakening Wellness Coach

Nutritionist, giving residents healthier ways to eat

Personal Trainer, leading cardio classes

Vegetarian liaison in the kitchen, cooking vegetarian and Rastafarian meals

Work experience at MSP:

Working in the kitchen for 5 years

Current self-enrichment activities:

Prison fellowship start July 2022 – finish in July 2023

Master Gardener class - start January 25th 2023 – finish March 2023

HiSET - start April 12th 2019 – finished fall 2023

Faithful member of the Protestant church - since October 17th, 2017

Member of the end of NAACP - since December 2018

Bible study through Global university school for evangelism and the disciples - start October 29th, 2018 – will finish and summer 2025

Completed programs:

Baptized at MSP - October 24th 2018

Houses of Healing - November 2018

Correctpac - February 28, 2019

ServSafe - August 19, 2022

Vermicomposting Superstar - March 5, 2021

Kairos - May 19, 2019