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Dear Committee members,

I believe that the ability for incarcerated residents to pay additional restitution to their victims can only lead to more healing for victims. There is no way to undo harm once it is caused but people who are trying to atone for their wrongdoings can use voluntary restitution as a way of doing some good for the ones they harmed.

My brother is a resident of MDOC who has already made requests to set up a fund for his victim that he can deposit into, and it was approved by a judge but from what I understand there is currently no pathway for it to move forward without this bill passing. Please allow this necessary step in a truly restorative justice process to happen.