

Senator Beebe Center, Representative Hasenfus and the Honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Steve Pomeroy, I'm from the town of Hope and I am writing in support of LD 648. I am serving 35 yrs for the terrible crime of Murder. At 23 yrs old, I woke from a blackout to discover I had taken the life of a young woman I barely knew. Hours later I turned myself in and confessed everything I could remember to the State Police. I never used my being blacked-out as an excuse, though I and everyone who knows me will tell you, it never would have happened otherwise.

For the past 17 years, I have taken many programs to help understand addiction and its impact on not just my life, but those around me as well. I graduated college in 2019 and in March of 2020, I even got married. With her help, we have been able to identify trauma inflicted throughout my childhood and because of that I have been able to forgive my mother for her role in those traumas.

LD 648 will allow me a second chance, and while it won't undo what I did, it may give me an opportunity to not only prove I'm not the same kid I was back then, but also to do good and give back to the community I robbed.

Thank You for your time
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