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Senator Beebe Center and Representative Hasenfus and the honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public safety Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Supervised Community Confinement Program (SCCP), particularly for individuals who were incarcerated under the age of 26 and have served more than 15 years of their sentence.

While this initiative may not affect me directly — as I was sentenced at 30 - I am deeply convinced of its critical importance. I have seen firsthand how individuals can evolve and transform over time, particularly those who, in their youth, made serious mistakes. Young people often act impulsively and without fully understanding the long- term consequences of their actions. However, given the right structure, time, and support, they can mature into responsible, thoughtful individuals who are entirely capable of becoming positive assets to their communities.

Those who have served over 15 years after being sentenced at a young age have already faced significant consequences for their actions. Many have taken this opportunity to reflect, rehabilitate, and prepare for a brighter future. Programs like SCCP offer them a vital chance to safely and responsibly reintegrate into society, striking a balance between accountability and compassion.

Supporting SCCP is not about dismissing past behaviors; it is about acknowledging human potential, granting second chances when truly deserved, and actively working to strengthen our communities through rehabilitation rather than relentless punishment.

This initiative embodies hope, fairness, and a more progressive path forward for our justice system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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