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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.

While I personally would not qualify —I was 26 years old at the time of my offense and have now been incarcerated for almost 30 years - I fully support the opportunity this program would give to others. I understand, better than most, how much a person can grow and change over the course of decades. I have seen young people who entered prison impulsive, angry, and lost, who, with time, structure, and effort, matured into responsible, thoughtful individuals who are ready to give back to society.

Those who were incarcerated at very young ages made mistakes before their brains were fully developed, often shaped by circumstances and environments they could not control. After serving more than 15 years, many have put in the hard work of self- reflection, education, and rehabilitation. They deserve a structured, supervised chance to prove they have changed —not just for themselves, but for their families, their communities, and society at large.

SCCP offers that chance in a way that balances public safety, accountability, and hope. It recognizes that true justice includes the possibility of redemption.

I respectfully and wholeheartedly urge you to continue and expand this program for those who meet these criteria. It is a step towards a more humane and effective justice system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Tim Pierce