

In support of LD1941

Good morning Sen Carney, Sen Amy Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Jarod Donathan. I'm providing testimony in support of LD1941, an act to support reentry and reintegration into the community.

I'll start this testimony off by saying how much incarceration affects a whole family, not just the resident. My incarcerations have been brief stints but many I've been in and out for possession of drugs and for driving offenses. My children and mother, sister, and Nana have been watching me through bars when, in fact, I should have been in treatment or educated about my disease. I'm not here to put blame on anyone cause I made the choices that got me here, but we can at least come to an agreement that we are both in the wrong about many things.

This bill does not apply to me, but it does apply to many good men. I've watched so many men change and accomplish amazing goals in here. I myself have found a new way and new patterns to life. The moral of my testimony that's all over the place is we're all human at the end of the day. We do change and can change if we apply ourselves. Please vote "ought to pass" on LD1941. Please go deep inside yourself and say if it were your son would you want a second chance given to him?

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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