

Testimony in support of LD1941: An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is David W. Marble Jr. I am providing testimony of the parole bill LD1941, an act to support reentry and reintegration into the community. My daughter is 18 now, from the time I got incarcerated she was 8 years old and she was having a hard time in school and she was not listening to anyone. Her mom and my mom could not get her to focus. All she kept saying was she wants her dad. I know if I was home with her she would have been doing good in school. I had to have a lot of conversations with her which cost us a lot of money that I could have used to save for her. Now that she is older, I have helped her graduate school. I have missed all of her special moments and she does not like to converse with many people including family. If I was home I would be able to get her out of the shell that she has confined herself to. I also have a son that was diagnosed with autism and had to be taken out of school because of it. If I was out I would have been able to help his mother more with him or even prevent this from happening to him. By me being incarcerated they both have had lack of love and guidance that they needed from me. It also has been a burden on my mother, my daughter's mom, and my son's mom. Because I am the person that brings my family together during difficult times and also in the good times. And since I have been incarcerated I have noticed more bad times than good times and no one is communicating or coming together. The work that I have done on myself since I have been here through self reflection is significant. I have completed the Houses of Healing

class. I have also completed the Long Distance Dad's Class. I have been focusing on becoming the best version of myself. I am still pursuing my education and working on my associates degree but while doing that still working and supporting my kids as much as I can. I have also worked in the kitchen for 3 years and pursue my love for culinary arts.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I hope this reaches your hearts and minds. I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD1941.

Sincerely,

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