

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

Good afternoon Representative Kuhn, Senator Carney and the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Frederick Jackson and I'm presently in Maine State Prison. I do support this bill. It gives people a second chance to live back with their family. When I was in a close unit, some time ago my caseworker called into the office and told me I had an emergency phone call, I could have a call. He dialed the phone and then he handed it to me. I heard my brother's voice. It was in his voice. He was speechless. I said, "What's going on?" He said something happened. The doctors said our mother won't make it. She had gone into the hospital to get a knee replacement but was mistreated and caught pneumonia, had a heart attack. They put her into a medically induced coma that she never came out of. My family is very family oriented. I could not be there to be with my mother. I could not comfort my siblings. I felt dehumanized, isolated, separated and lost. It was painful. My daughter and two granddaughters were confused, all alone. When I went to prison my whole family went to. The possibility of parole strengthens families and gives them hope and an incentive to become a better person.

Please support LD1941 and vote "ought to pass".

Thank you,

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